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## Hague tells his party to stop the moaning and unite

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William Hague last night scored a surprise, runaway victory in the final pallot for the Conservative leadership, becoming the youngest leader of the party for more than two cen-

Formally taking the leadership from John Major at a full party meet-Mr Hague appealed for an end to "belly-aching" and promised to put his leadership to a special conference of party members in a secret ballot.

Tiey can back me or sack me," he said, "because without the endorsement of members in the constituencies we will not be able to embark on a challenge so great as the one that faces us."

The result of the final round of the leadership ballot, announced to MPs in a Commons committee room little more than an hour earlier, gave Mr Hague 92 votes to Kenneth Clarke's 70, with two abstentions. The delight of some MPs was

marred for others by the snap an-nouncement of Mr Clarke, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he would not serve in Mr Hague's Shadow Cabinet and would be returning to the backbenches for the first time in 26 years.

The bitterness of his defeat was underlined by the fact that Mr Clarke had led in every other ballot stools activists. He ici yesterday's test of constituency and party opinion by 3 to 2 for Mr Hague, yet that ballot was patently spurned by the party's 164 MPs.

A statement from the office of John Redwood, whose "marriage from hell" brought Mr Clarke a mere six additional votes, said there would be no immediate statement from him. Francis Maude, one of the Hague campaigners, said he sus-pected some MPs had woken up yesterday to realise that such deals were not the way to elect a leader. "This is the first time in many years," he said, "when, faced with a choice between something stupid and wrong,



and somem Conservative Party has made the cor-

The result was also welcomed by Paddy Ashdown, who invited disaf-fected Tories to "find a welcome home with the Liberal Democrats". In the Commons Chamber, Labour MPs greefed the news by cheering and waving their papers in the traditional parliamentary gesture

of delight. However, the Opposition wel-come did not diminish the equally genuine pleasure of Mr Hague's supporters. When the result was announced by Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the hackbench 1922

ty fans shrieked with delight in the corridor outside committee room 10, shouting: "Yes, yes, yes. God is a

Conservative after all. Mr Hague, 36, and a man who was outside the Cabinet just two years ago, is the youngest Conservative leader since Pitt the Younger, 24, in

He told the Central Office meeting: "Be prepared for some changes in this party because the way we conduct ourselves is going to change. The days of disunity, of factions and wings, and groups within groups, and parties within parties, must oow come to an end.

u anyone doubis i mean il i sa this to them - just try me. I won't always be as friendly as I look. If I have to. I will put some noses out of joint."

Earlier, be said he would be asking Mr Clarke to serve under him, hut the former Chancellor respooded shortly afterwards: "I've ex-plained to William that long before the campaign started, immediately after the general election, I had de-cided that I wouldn't serve in the Shadow Cabinet if I did oot become the leader. This has absolutely nothing to do with the events of this leadership campaign, which we have all set behind us and which was a perfectly reasonable campaign.

The party will also lose the services, on the frontbench, of Michael Heseltine, another veteran and the former Deputy Prime Minister, who

had campaigned hard for a Clarke

Mr Hague is expected to award his two key hackers - Peter Lilley and Michael Howard - with the top iobs in his Shadow Cabinet, with Mr Lilley taking the shadow Chancellor's nost and Mr Howard shadow Foreign Secretary.

Gillian Shephard, who had backed Mr Lilley in the first round, before switching to Mr Hague, will also get the reward of a top job. There was speculation she may become shad-

ow Home Secretary, Brian Mawnii ney, the party chairman, has offered to continue under the new leader.

'I see it as my job not only to lead the party but to heal its

divisions

William Hague

'I propose to take an

active part in

**Kenneth Clarke** 

(70 votes)

politics from the back benches'

(92 votes)

There was dismay among the Clarke supporters at the extent of his defeat but Hague supporters wanted reveoge against Mr Redwood.

Redwood is a liability; he has been shown he cannot deliver his support and he is not attractive to people in the country," said one Tory MP.

That was not the impression that had been left by Baroness Thatcher - who had devoted a good deal of effort to twisting the arms of Redwood supporters to switch to Hague. She said last night: "It's been a good day."

## Blair rescues Millennium project



Cavaliers and

Fran Abrams and Christian Wolmar

Tony Blair took the biggest gamble of his prime ministership yesterday when he per-sonally intervened to save the Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich, south-east London. However, uncertainty still

dogs the future of the project. Mr Blair said it was dependent on the scheme meeting five criteria of viability. Millennium Central, the exhibition organiser, was prevented from issuing details of the project because of ministers' concerns about the contents of the Lord Rogers-designed dome.
The £838m project, which

had been in danger of being Roundheads, abandoned following a comprehensive review, will be re-



Who knows what the original sketches of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon looked like, or the rough drawings of the pyramids? They were built because of political vision and a commitment to art. Now Tony Blair's legacy to the nation will be the greatest exhibition centre in the world

The Independent's new architecture correspondent. Nonie Niesewand, in The Tabloid

launched next week and new executives brought in to run it. New designers are also expected to be brought in. The fact

that so much still remains to be decided for the project, which must be completed by September 1999, compounds the personal risk taken by Mr Blair. Under the new criteria, the project must have a lasting legacy; its content must be im-

no public expenditure apart from £20m spent on land recla-The National Lottery Fund has already allocated £200m plus a further £250m which

proved; based on the concept of is almost certain to be used. "giving Britain a window to the future"; the oation must be Ticket sales are expected to raise about £200m, which on the calculation of 10-12 million visitors assumes that entry will

management; and there must be cost around £20. While Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, will remain in overall charge, Peter Mandelson, Mr Blair's ministerial bagman, will be in charge would be available if needed but of pushing the plans through.

David Quarmby, chairman of the British Tourist Authority, welcomed the move, saying the Millennium Exhibition "will be the jewel in the crown of Millennium year in Britain and could account for bringing an additional £300-£500m of overseas visitor revenue to Britain in the year 2000."

London First, which represents business in the capital, said it welcomed the decision but warned: "The private sector must now be fully invoked in the way that it has oot been up to now with both the funding and management of the project."

However, Opposition sources hinted that Labour had been playing a double game when it cast doubt of the future of the exhibition during the elec-

Treasury experts to predict the

cost of borrowing in future years.

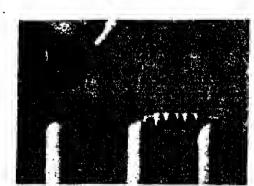
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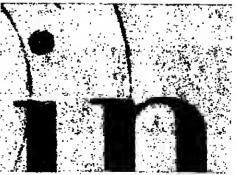
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### Black hole raises spectre of Budget tax rises political interference by using

Financial Editor

The prospect of big tax rises in Gordon Brown's first Budget increased yesterday, as the Government unveiled a £20bn "black hole" in the public finances. The warning that the Government was considerably worse off than previously forecast was seen as an attempt to soften up the financial markets and Labour's back benchers for higher taxes and a tightening of the screw on public spending.

The dramatic shortfall emerged as Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a series of changes to the assumptions used by the Treasury in drawing up its economic forecasts. Those changes mean the Government now expects it will be forced to borrow £7bn more from the money markets in five years time than the previous Chancellor, Ken Clarke, suggested in his final Budget last

November. Having fought the election campaign on a promise not to

raise personal taxes, yester-day's move increases the likelihood that business will bear the brunt of the Chancellor's need to raise revenue. An attack on the tax credits enjoyed by pension funds now looks probable.

The Government predicts similar but smaller shortfalls in all the next five years, providing ammunition for the Chancellor to clamp down on excessive requests from spending departments. His hard-line position was further bolstered showing a continuing boom.

est rates will have to rise again to choke off demand.

included; there must be new

In a bid to present the changes as part of a move towards more open government.
Mr Brown commissioned the infice to scrutinise the social security fraud. assumptions and received its en-

dorsement yesterday. Mr Brown said yesterday: "Budgets must be built on honest foundations ... It is the first time that any chancellor has this week by retail sales figures opened up the Treasury's forecasting assumptions to such

Speculation is rising that inter- open and independent scrutiny." The main changes in the government's assumptions are a reduction in its expectations for

the long-term trend of economic growth, and a less rosy view of the savings that can be dependent National Audit Of- made from clamping down on The Government has also said it will not count on any pri-

vatisation proceeds until legislation is in place for any state self-off, and it will use information from the financial markets to forecast interest rates rather than open itself up to claims of

with tradition by forecasting a fall in the unemployment rate.

Although presented as no more than a move towards greater transparency, economists in the City described yesterday's announcement as "an exercise in public relations". Report, page 22



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### Patients face fine in curb on prescription fraud

A crackdown on prescription fraud to save the NHS £100m a year was announced by the Government yesterday. Patients who evade the £5.60 prescription charge will be liable to e fixed penalty fine and a new criminal offence will be introduced for doctors. pharmacists or others who cheat the system. Alan Milburn, the Minister for Health, said the scale of the losses, revealed by a government efficiency scrutiny, was staggering – enough to pay for 14,500 heart bypass operations or 6,500 kidney transplants.

In a few cases doctors and pharmacists had invented non-

existent patients. In one case in Leeds e doctor and a pharmacist had made about £1m. Anti-counterfeiting devices are to be introduced into the printing of prescription forms and a reward scheme set up for pharmacies that detect stolen forms. Mr Milburn said: "This government is not prepared to tolerate this kind of law-breaking in the NHS ... Those who are currently defrauding the health service and the taxpayer should be under no illusion. We will find you and we will punish you." Jeremy Laurance

### Boy, 13, dies after taking Ecstasy

The death of a 13-year-old schoolboy yesterday four days after he was rushed to hospital in an Ecstasy scare has prompted fresh protests over tolerance of drug-taking. Andrew Woodlock was taken to hospital on Saturday with two other youngsters. He is believed to have taken a form of the rave drug Ecstasy. A 13-year-old boy, who cannot be named, and Steven MacFarlane, 1 of Hobstown I sparkshire—anticared in court at Hamilton on Holytown, Lanarkshire - appeared in court at Hamilton on Tuesday. A 22-year-old man appeared in at Hamilton Sheriff Court yesterday charged in connection with the misuse of drugs.

### Kray jury sent home for the night

The jury at Woolwich Crown Court in south-east London, trying Charlie Kray, 70, on cocaine charges was sent home for a second night. The court has been told that the older brother of former gangland twins Reggie and Ronnie masterminded a deal to provide five kilograms of the drug a fortnight for two years.

### Godmother of 'EastEnders' dies



creator of EastEnders, has died. The BBC said that the woman known to the cast as "the godmother" died yesterday at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, after a short illness, she was in her

Alan Yentob, the BBC's director of television, said: "Julia's feel for drama, her drive and energy were legendary in her 30-year programme making career at the BBC. There can be no

tribute to her distinguished track record in creating high quality, popular drama than BBC1's EastEnders." Jane Harris, the series producer, said: "EastEnders owes everything to Julia who, with Tony Holland, was the creator and founder of the programme."

### Rail firm may target union dues

Management at the South-east rail network disrupted by an overtime han yesterday threatened to take action against Aslef, the drivers' union. Connex South Central is expected to end the arrangement whereby union subscriptions are deducted from wages - thus depriving Aslef of substantial income. Connex will once more cancel 300 trains today.

Barrie Clement

### Workers on track for cash windfall

About 1,200 workers at Fastline, a York-based railway track renewal company, stand to receive windfall payouts of around £3,000, it emerged yesterday. The company is being taken over by Jarvis, the railway services and construction company, and four senior managers will become instant millionaires as a

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## I made a mistake, says the carpetbagger king

ichael Hardern, the man who promised pun-ters millions of pounds, has taken it all back. A freelance butter, Mr Hardam cancelled his plans to force tha Nationwide Building Society to con-vert into a bank. He had, he apologised, "made a mis-

To the thousands of carpetbaggers who, drunk on windfalls from other converting building societies, had ploughed money into the society, it was a big mistake. Mr Hardern and his group of rebets had promised that savers would get £1,000 apiece if he pulled off his plan to force the society to follow the Halifax in becoming

He and four others are still standing for election to the Nationwide board and the result of voting will be announced on 24 July.

As a result of their campaign, the society had stopped

He explained his dramatic U-turn yesterday at a press conference for City journalists in central London. "I was wrong. I made e mistake," he said. The Nationwide becoming a bank "does not make sense at the moment. People don't like banks, people hate banks; they loath and detest banks".

He outlined his vision for the society and said he would like to see it selling internet terminals and perhaps items such as coffee, cars and holidays.

He said the Nationwide's chief executive. Brian Davis had "convinced me there is something in mutuality", but insisted that members would still receive £1,000

Responding to Mr Hardem's announcement, a Nationwide spokesman said: "If it is true, we are very pleased to hear he supports our belief that our customers are better-off with us being a building society."

#### Smith joins Labour's first estate Frank Warren held by VAT man

Wimpey Homes and Hammer-

Touring the estate yesterday, Lady Smith said: "I'm very excited

which to tiva. The reason I agreed

to come along today was because

this project seems to be making a

real difference to people's lives."

Once a series of high-rise

blocks, the estate now sports a

of the London Borough of

mix of low-rise houses and flats.

Hammersmith and Fulham, sald:

"If people are happy and proud of the community in which they live

they will take good care of it."

Nail Newton, managing director

smith and Fulham Council.

end very impressed by this

project. The estate looks like a

very pleasant environment in



Baroness Smith, widow of the late Labour leader, opening a new street yesterday named after her

husband. Lady Smith unveiled John Smith Avenue on the Clem Attlee Estate in Fulham, west London, as part of celebrations to mark tha completion of the first phase of a

redevelopment on the estate. She was joined by the widow of tha former Labour mayor of Hammersmith, Len Freeman, who died in 1995 and has also had a street named in his memory.

Opened in 1957 by the leader of Labour's post-war government, the estate has been rebuilt in a £10m scheme by Notting Hill House Trust in partnership with

moter took another twist yesterdey

when he was arrested yesterday by Customs and Excise officers Investigating alleged VAT evasion. Mr Warren and another man were held during raids in Essex and Hertfordshire. Both men were being questioned as inquiries

Frank Warren's colourful rise from

bookmaker's son to boxing pro-

Mr Warren's office refused to comment on his errest but said a statement would be made leter.

Since making his name as a boxing promoter, Mr Warren has branched out and now owns Bedford rugby union club. He has elso been involved in publishing, television production, the leisure indus-

try and property.

His biggest investment was the London Arena Stadium in the capital's Docklands. It has staged pop concerts as well as sporting evants since its official opening in 1989.

Also in that year, Mr Warren, a father-of-four, was shot outside the Broadway Theatre in Barking, east London, one bullet missing his heart by an inch. Terry Marsh, the boxer, was acquitted of trying to murder his former manager.

## briefing

### INDUSTRY

### Managers ignoring duty to protect staff from stress

Only one in eight managers are aware of official guidance on tackling stress in the workplace even though the problem is costing the economy fobn a year, a report claimed yesterday.

The TUC and the Transport and General Workers Union are urging the Government to make sure that employers act on their legal duties to protect workers from stress. The report said that a legally enforceable code of practice should be launched to make sure that firms met their

It highlighted a survey of T&G health and safety representatives responsibilities. which showed that stress was one of the main workplace hazards, usually caused by time pressures, too much work, under-staffing

and long working nours.

More than two-thirds of those questioned said their management had done nothing to reduce stress at work, while only one in eight employers were said to be aware of Health and Safety Commission guidance on tackling stress.

#### HEALTH

### Asthma epidemic exaggerated

Fears that the industrialised world is facing an epidemic of asthma and wheezing may be based on maccurate information, doctors say. Researchers who reviewed 16 studies of asthma in children and young adults conducted in six different countries all of which showed an apparent increase in the condition found the increase could be due to parent increase in the condition found the increase could be due to greater awareness among parents, changes in doctors diagnosis patterns and lower tolerance of mild respiratory symptoms.

The researchers, from the National Institute of Public Health in Oslo, Norway, say in the British Medical Journal that future surveys.

must be based on standardised questions and objective measurements. "Until such studies have been performed on more than one occasion in the same population we believe the evidence for an increasing trend ... is weak," they say.

#### CONSUMERS

### One in five homes sell in a week

Almost one in five homes on the market are selling in less than e week. The shortage of homes for sale is now the most severe for

two years, a survey by the Black Horse estate agency says.

The situation has not been helped by the fact that more than 60 per cent of buyers have nothing to sell, it found. The post-election "feel-good factor" was encouraging more and more people to enter the market, but many were adding to the difficulties by insisting on finding their new home before putting their own property up for

#### MARKETING

### Price is right for the office lager

For the second year running, the only price that office workers are able to estimate accurately is the cost of a pint of lager, a survey

published today has revealed.

When it came to the cost of everyday business items like yellow sticky notes or computer discs, managers and staff tended to wildly overestimate, the Prices Perceptions study for BT showed. BT found that people know about the things that are important

to them: the average guess of £1.73 for a pint was just 2p off the real average of £1.75. The object of its third such survey was to find ont how aware people were of its latest cut in the price of national daytime calls, announced last munth.

### DAILY POEM

### This is the Week

By John Mole

This is the week when you can hear a pin drop but mustn't pick it up, when all the facts stand to attention and you gaze in panic at their unfamiliar faces. This is the week when everyone seems to write faster than you do and asks for more paper, when the back of your friend's head is giving nothing away that is any use. This is the week of the surreptitious cough, the pen that runs out, the staggered dash to the toilet, the watched clock's nutriess handywork. This is the week of the swot's apotheosis, the rebel's ottoming-ont, the cheat's come-uppance and the teachers' unreadable minds as their eyes neet yours. Then this is the term that is almost over except for the lists, the tall form order, the praise, the blume, the could do-better which nevertheless are of less account than a life to be lived and summer waiting.

A prolific and distinguished poet, John Mole has also survived 34 exam A privatic and distinguished poet, John Mole has also survived by exasons in the teaching profession. His Selected Poems are published by Sinclair-Stevenson and his latest children's book, Hot Air, by Hodder & Staughton.

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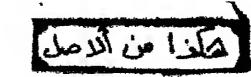
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What a judge said about McDonald's:

Fast food: McDonald's won £60,000 in libel damages in the longest case in English legal history, but some call the win a hollow victory



On a roll: The McLibel Two outside court vesterday

than two bours to read out a 45junction yesterday have put page summary of his three-volpaid to any hope the company ume judgment to a packed court. He said that the factsheet cancer of the breast and bowel, heart disease and food poipaigning against its products, accused McDonald's of being practices and corporate philos- responsible for starvation in soning lying when it claimed to on the evidence that the corophy might cease. .... the Third World: destroying use recycled paper, exploiting Speaking to rapturous ap- vast areas of central American children with its advertising

rainforest; serving unhealthy and marketing; cruelty to ani-food that caused a real risk of mals; and treating its employ-material that the food had a pos-

ees badly. The judge said it was not true poration was guilty of the first four allegations, although some rated fat and salt. But he upheld M

Burger firm wins, but at huge cost

McDonald's could have spent the £10m it spent on the trial on other things ...

■5,524,862 Big Macs in the UK (18,181,818 in the US). 20,408,163 Cokes.

An extra 1,496 staff, on £3.05 an hour, could have been employed for the entire period of the trial.

■ Nearly £4000 extra on each of the 2504 new McDonald's (three an bour) which have sprung up around the world during the 313 days of the trial.

Tom Hampson

itive nutritional benefit "did not match" the reality of a

Ms Sicel's claim that the company's advertising and market-ing exploited children by using them, as more susceptible subSteel had also proved that Mc-Donald's was "culpably responsible for the cruel practices of restricting the movement of laying hens, broiler chickens and some pigs and of slitting the throats of some chickens while they were still fully conscious.

On employment practices, the judge said McDonald's Restaurants Ltd (UK), the second plaintiff and the corporation's British operator, paid its workers low wages "thereby belping to depress wages for workers in the catering trade", as the leaflet had alleged. But an allegation that the company was only interested in cheap labour was untrue, as was the suggestion that it exploited disadvantaged groups, particular-

ly women and black people. iroduct that was high in satu-ated fat and salt.

But he upheld Mr Morris and

Donald's. Mr Morris and Ms Steel had
counterclaimed for libel against
McDonald's, who issued leaflets

and press releases attacking the two defendants in the runup to the beginning of the trial in 1994. The judge ruled that the McDonald's documents were defamatory because they wrongly claimed Morris and Steel published the factsheet knowing it to be untrue. Mc-Donald's, however, had a de-

fence of qualified privilege. Legal controversy is set to continue, Mr Morris and Ms Steel now plan to sue former McDonald's inquiry agents who infiltrated London Greenpeace (no relation to the worldwide Greenpeace environmental organisation) and to take the corporation to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg over what Mr Morris said was Britain's "oppressive" libel sys-tem which bad denied them legal aid and a jury during the 314-day trial

## The truth about how Noddy was framed

libel battle against green cam-

paigners Dave Morris and

English legal history, Mr Justice

Bell awarded the fast-food gi-

ant £60,000 damages after rul-

ing that the company had been libelled by many of the allega-

tions in the now notorious

"What's Wrong With McDon-ald's" factsheet first published

by London Greenpeace in the

But the corporation was

equally viewed as having se-

cured a hollow victory and to have made, in hindsight, a mis-

calculation in bringing the case

31, who had to conduct their

case themselves, succeeded in

showing that the leaflet was true

when it accused McDonald's of

paying low wages, being re-

sponsible for cruelty to some

animals and exploiting chil-

Quite apart from the fact that

the so-called "McLibel Two"

cannot afford to pay the dam-

ages awarded, even if they were

willing to do so, the counter-

victories and the fact that the .

High Court judge granted no in-

dren in its advertising.

Mr Morris, 43, and Ms Steel,

Closing the longest trial in

Helen Steel.

late Eighties.



Still best of friends: Noddy and Blg Ears

**William Hartston** 

After almost 20 years, a case of wrongful conviction has been exposed in a prize-winning essay by a 14-year-old New Zealander. The Toytown One, also known as Noddy, has heen found innocent of all the charges of political incorrectness on which he was convicted in the The new evidence, entitled

"Was Noddy Framed", is based on a statistical analysis by Tom Hallet-Hook of all 23 of Enid Blyton's Noddy books. His conclusions, which won

him a mathematics competition in Auckland, reveal that contrary to general belief very little crime in Toytown was committed by the golliwogs; Tessie Bear, often portrayed by feminists as a poor role model, is assertive and full of initiative; and the milkman, often criticised for Noddy-abuse, in fact hit him on the head only three

Since the first accusations of Toytowu political incorrectness were made in the 1960s, Noddy and his friends, in print and on television, have undergone several changes.

brought the case to stop the

campaign. The campaign is continuing."

the campaign group Friends of

the Earth and an expert defence

witness at the trial, praised the

couple's persistence in "standing up to what we view as a bul-

Immediately after the judgment, Mr Morris, Ms Steel and

members of the McLibel Sup-

port Campaign began handing

out leaflets to crowds gathered

outside the law courts in Lon-

don. Within a couple of hours

details of the ruling appeared on the McSpotlight Internet

site, which has already been ac-

cessed more than 13 million

times. The judge has made no

order for costs, which are esti-

mated to have reached £10m.

chief executive officer of Mc-

Donald's Restaurants, said:

We are, as you can imagine,

broadly satisfied with the judg-

ment. There are aspects of the

jndgment which we will have to

review and we will do so when

we have been able to study the

Mr Justice Bell took more

full ruling in detail."

Paul Preston, chairman and

ly hoy multi-national".

Charles Secrett, director of

First the golliwogs were changed into gohlins, then all references were exorcised to Noddy and Big Ears snuggling up in the same bed, while Noddy himself was no longer allowed to feel "queer". Even PC Plod was not PC

enough, and had to stop being so aggressive. Yet, even without the golliwogs, Hampshire County Council deemed Noddy to be "too sensitive" an issue to send out information to its schools on a stage produc-tion of the stories in 1993.

When negotiations began two years ago to screen a television version of the Noddy stories in America, Big Ears ran into problems. The network showing the programmes "could not be seen to sustain discrimination" against people

with large ears. So they called him White Beard instead. Sales of the Noddy books appear unaffected by all the controversy. Last year, Tro-

cadero plc, paid £13m for the remaining 43 years of copyright to the works of Enid Blyton, who died in 1968. Her books continue to sell more than g million copies a year, Noddy alone has accounted for more than 100 million sales since his first appearance in 1949.

Now his readers can relax in the knowledge that all charges against him are unjustified. Only 6 per cent of all the naughtiness in the Noddy books is committed by golliwogs and all allegations of a sado-masochistic relationship between the Milkman and Nod-

dy is unfounded. "Also," Tom Hallet-Hook explains, "Noddy's head was made out of wood and they explained that it didn't hurt." Big Ears was not available for

## Trade in ivory can start again as ban on tusk exports is lifted

Nicholas Schoon

A legal, international trade in elephant ivory can start again. after nations voted yesterday to relax a seven-year total han on tusk exports.

In just under two years, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia can start selling 59 tonnes of vory from their stockpiles to Japan, provided both exporters and importers prove they have the means to monitor and control this "closed loop" trade.

Some pressure groups, in-cluding the RSPCA, condemned the vote at the CITES treaty conference on trade in endangered species in Harare, Zimbabwe. They said it was hound to lead to an increase in poaching, which led to the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of African elephants in the last two decades.

But the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the world's leading wildlife conservation group, welcomed the fact that there were stringent conditions to be fulfilled before trade restarted. It also announced a grant of £43,500 to the three would he exporters, to help them set up controls and monitoring systems.

"It's vital to make sure all the



safeguards are in place. If they are, this decision could work in favour of wildlife conservation."

said a WWF spokeswoman. The 76 in favour, 21 against vote, in which Britain and the rest of the European Union abstained, is a huge breakthrough for those nations and businesses in favour of exploiting wildlife as if it were any other natural resource. They say the important issue is that it should be done susand Botswana argued that they had healthy and growing elephant populations which needed to be kept in check. They want to spend the money from selling ivory from elephants which were culled or died of natural causes on wildlife conservation, and to

phant areas. But an expert panel set up in advance of the CITES treaty

benefit communities living in ele-

in the way the three kept tabs on its ivory stockpile and

traders and ivory workers. Intitial proposals by the three countries to allow them to sell ivory to Japan were rejected in Harare earlier this week. But a

stopped illegal smuggling. The panel also felt Japan could not

guarantce that its ivory im-ports were received by licensed

proposed further restrictions. No trade would be allowed if the CITES executive committee was not satisfied with the con-trol and monitoring measures drawn up by the four countries. And it would also be banned again if poaching flared up once more. It was this proposal which was voted for, in a se-

elephant tusk as part of a

programme to raise public

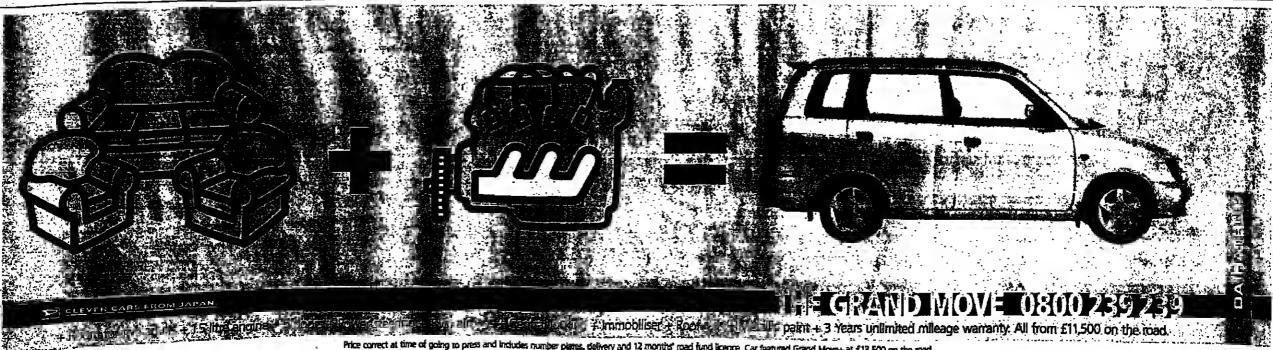
wareness about the ivory

Photograph: Tom Pilston

cret ballot, with Zimbabwean officials leading African delegates in singing and dancing.

Dr Arthur Lindley, the RSP-CA's head of wildlife who was at the treaty meeting, said: "I think poachers will see this as a green light. They're not going to read through a four-page CITES resolution to learn about restrictions and conditions." The ivory decision came a day

after delegates imposed controls on trade in the over-fished, endangered sturgeon and its caviar. But they voted to reject a South African proposal to reopen a legal international trade in rhinoceros products, includ-



ery and 12 months' road fund licence. Car featured Grand More+ at £13,500 on the road.

## Political spectres point the way

Committee, announced the result of the final ballot Committee, announced the result of the final ballot for the Tory leadership, odd apparitions – the ghosts of the recently defeated – mingled with live Tory MPs in the stuffy committee corridor. Allowed furloughs from Hades, Hugh Dykes RIP, the late Olga Maitland, the departed Nirj Deva and Jacques Arnold (who buzzes now charlest place) shook hands with the living These in a darker place), shook hands with the living. These wraiths - haif ectoplasm, half Chateauneuf du Pape - wafted about like walking epitaphs, "as I am - so shall ye

be!"

And for once, they were heeded. Their quick colleagues finally did what they always had to do, and elected Billy the Kid. In so doing they opted for an unknown future, rather than an all too familiar past. In the public crannies of the House various sporty, pin-striped Tarquins with slicked back hair, cheered licartily as the result was made public. Their party can now move forward, even if they haven't the faintest idea where to.

The manner of the victory, achieved in such a messy and silly fashion, will soon argely be forgotten. The lingering memory will be of the bizarre Clarke-Redwood ticket, which had all the appeal that a Hattersley-Livingstone alliance to defeat Kinnock would have had back in 1983. The idea of toking together "big-hitters", whose main predilection would have been for hitting each other, was like something from a Michael Dobbs novel. Next thing we know Tory MPs will be having it off on the Speaker's Chair during recess.

But we can now expect that every time the infant

But we can now expect that every time the infant Hague slips up (and he will. After all, would you care to fashion a shadow cahinet out of that lot?), someone will say that things would have been better under Clarke. And certainly the lunches would have been more fun, the exchanges at Prime Minister's Questions more humourous.

Clarke's essential unseriousness, however, was quickly demonstrated by his refusal to serve under Hague. Just as he couldn't be bothered to argue for the essential modernisation of his party over the last five years, so he cannot be fagged to contribute to the process now. How he would have coped with the phenomenal self-discipline and determination of our present Prime Minister is not at

That is Billy's role now. And Mr Hague's political talents should not be under-estimated - as bahies go, he is a very clever one. There may have been complaints about his various tergiversations in the last week, but this leadership election was not one in which any candidate

was ever going to emerge tooking good.
But what will he do? Or, rather, what is he - and his party - for? What is their "project"? For opposition, as Mr Blair will tell him, is not enough. Nor is a vague (if powerful) desire to get back into power. Nor, even, is the retention of a clever ad agency, or the employment of a subtle communications director.

Let us take it for granted that Hague - as a modern man - understands the need to democratise his party, and to reinvigorate it. But it needs a purpose.

The danger of triumphant new Labour is always that despite its rhetoric - it will be too bossy; that it will ban too much, not devolve sufficiently, sacrifice the individual too often. This leaves room for a new Opposition, but one which turns its back on the old right, on the old authoritarianism, on the ancient intolerances - and which stands for small government, the awkward individual and

Or there's always the Liberal Democrats.



Victorious: William Hague greeting the press outside Central Office in London after the result was anounced yesterday

## Clarke's fatal false move

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

The pact between Kenneth Clarke and John Redwood last might proved fatally flawed, as Mr Redwood's supporters refused to follow him and switched their votes to William Hague.

The Hague campaign had targeted the Redwood supporters doubts in the final hours before the voting began. Mr Hague sent a personal message to selected Tory MPs with cuttings from the morning newspapers, condemning the pact as a "marriage made in hell".

Clarke supporters claimed

Redwood's Euro-sceptic supporters who had spent an agonising 24 hours since the alliance was announced deciding whether to vote for a Europhile, or desert Mr Redwood. In the end they refused to vote for Mr Clarke.

Michael Portillo yesterday joined Baroness Thatcher and Norman Lamont in the last push behind Mr Hague's cam-paign to stop Mr Clarke winning the leadership.

Both sides went all out for Mr Redwood's 38 votes from the sec-

the move would backfire, but it some former Redwood suptouched a raw nerve with Mr porters to declare how they voted kept both sides guessing about the result until it was an-nounced in Committee Room 10. Mr Portillo, regarded by many as the "leader-in-waiting" until losing his seat at the gen-

eral election, telephoned the Redwood supporters before they voted to urge them to back Mr Hague. Lady Thatcher and the for-

mer chancellor, Mr Lamont, also joined in the last-minute telephone canvassing for the Hague camp. Lady Thatcher had lobbied MPs at Westminond ballot, but the refusal of ster on the eve-of-poll in the

Commons tea room and the memhers' library. One of her admirers who voted for Mr Clarke said: "I had a message to ring her this morning. I did so, but she was out - and that

ing forward to a lecture."
The Clarke camp met early yesterday at their campaign headquarters in Abbey Orchard Street to plan the final hours, and to come up with an answer to Mr Hague's attack that the Clarke-Redwood alliance was "a deal not a solution", which proved their undoing. They decided to reassure MPs by comparing their pact to the successful right-

was a great relief. I was not look-

left alliance between the Labour sults of the ballot of Tory conleader Tony Blair and his deputy, John Prescott. Mr Clarke went on BBC Ra-

dio 4's Today programme yes-terday to claim that an alliance of opposites had helped Labour regain power, and the line was soon heing pushed hy Mr Clarke's supporters in the members' tea room. Mr Redwood's supporters

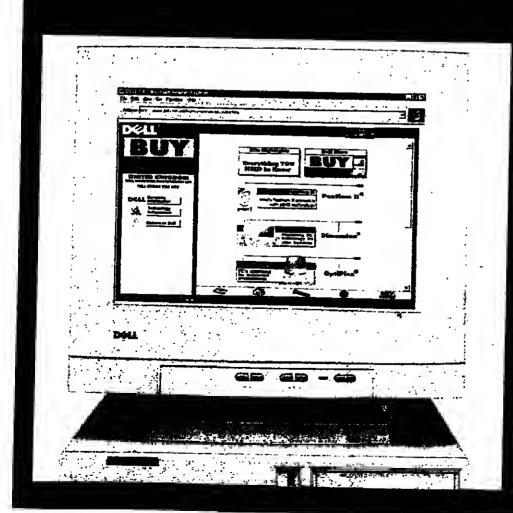
were deeply unhappy about his pact with Mr Clarke. Iain Duncan-Smith, one of Mr Redwood's closest allies, was among those torn over which way to vote, according to his friends. The Clarke camp used the re-

stituency chairmen to try to emphasise that Mr Clarke had wider appeal in the country than Mr Hague, Mr Clarke won that hallot by 277 votes to 206.

As the Hague and Clarke campaign managers ticked off lists of promised votes, it was said that five had slipped away to Mr Hague because of "the bad chemistry" of the Clarke-Redwood marriage, while two second-ballot Hague voters went over to Clarke.

When the result was an-nounced another thing became clear - many MPs had lied about their intentions.

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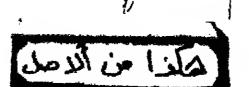


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## Problems ahead in binding party wounds

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Before William Hague's runaway leadership result had been announced yesterday, it had been easy to find the voices of doom among

Tory MPs in the Commons. Those saying that whoever won would not last more than 18 months, before facing yet another leadership challenge, were not difficult to find.

But there were also significant numbers who believed that the hitterness of this mouth's leadership contest ran so deep that it would be impossible to hind the party's wounds, and that the party could yet break open.

That point was quickly picked up by Paddy Ashdown last night, with an appeal to disaffected moderates to come and find a "welcome home" with the Liberal Democrats.

Last week's Independent report of a "staged separation" of Conservative moderates, eventually resigning the party the whip and the party, is even more firmly on the cards following yesterday's repudiation of Mr Clarke, their torch-hearer.

On the right, the "betrayals" - of Michael Howard and Peter Lilley ditching their right-wing colleague John Redwood after the first ballot. and of Mr Redwood making his 'marriage from hell" with Kenneth Clarke on Wednesday - were too much for some to forget or forgive.

The outrage that has been pro-

voked in different camps was capped by Hague supporters, who said yesterday that they had been phoned by Mr Redwood on Sunday, two days before the second ballot, seeking to persuade them to switch temporarily to vote for him in order to block Clarke.

One MP who had considered

could not believe his ears when he had heen told that Redwood was then thinking of forging an alliance on Tuesday night with a man whom he had attempted to kill on Sunday.

Mr Redwood's conduct was described by one MP as "duplicitous"; another suggested that it amounted to stag-night infidelity, just 48 hours before the wedding.

The conclusion of the hard-right MPs who had backed Redwood before switching yesterday to the victorious Hague, was that Redwoodwho had stood on a platform of honesty, integrity and decency - was now a "busted flush". He had sold his soul to the highest hidder, and lost. Phrases like, "Time to heal"

'We've got to make it work", "There will be no spoilers now, we have to unite" were commonplace in the Commons last night. Deals, it was said, now had to be cut to hring people and the party together.

But some old hands had heard it all hefore, time and time again in a party that has so often appeared to be unleadable. The problem faced by Mr Hague is that both Clarke and Redwood have used such strong words about the new leader - as Labour was quick to point out in a detailed, quote-packed dossier on things that had been said about him that it would be impossible for them to serve under such a man, unless Mr Redwood again eats his words.

But those hoping for the chance to reopen the leadership question in 1999, perhaps with Michael Portillo or Chris Patten running against each other, could yet be thwarted by the impending change of leadership election rules. It is just possible that the new leader might act to protect more difficult to challenge an in-



Feet under the table: The shiny leather shoes of William Hague, victor, and the famous suede-shod feet of his defeated rival, Kenneth Clarke Photograph: 8nan Harris

## Voices of a party divided

"Don't touch Ken. Remember his record" --Baroness Thatcher, 18

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"I find it absolutely bizarre ... They will hand the party to the left" -John Townend, chairman of the Rightwing 92 Group, leaving Redwood and Clarke's press conference, and Mr Hague 18 June

"The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact,"-

"We mustn't be bullied by the right wing into ruling the single currency out" -Clarke. 15 June

issue, the war will go on" -Redwood, 15 June

"I'm incandescent" -

"William Hague doesn't have any clear view

"..an incredible alliance of opposites which can

only lead to further grief Lady Thatcher. 18 June

One of the most

Sir Peter Tapsell MP on Redwood's deal

..Breathtaking cynicism, this is an alliance built on sand and cannot last." - Norman

With William, it is just more fudge and dither... John Major Mark 2 .. The worst of all

A choice between "a nerd in short trousers and a Heathite rustbucket -

"It is an incredible development, it will not

is a marriage made in Stephen Norris. 18

"He must be crazy because it will ruin his personal lite. I never

wanted him to go into politics. He could have had such a comfortable life earning a tremendou amount of money." -Stella Hague on her son. 14 June

"He has quite a lot of support from a particular wing of the party, but we need a leader that will speak for the instincts of the whole party. No

"No conviction, no passion, no guts and no brains. A Mandelsonian hollowness\*. One of Mr Redwood's leading supporters on William Hague. 3 June

John would split the party." -

Major's constantly shifting fudge" -

Tom Hampson

The Hague camp on the Redwood-Clarke alliance. 18 June

"If we choose a leader who isn't clear on this

Lady Thatcher on the pact, 18 June

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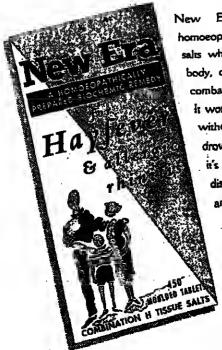
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## New evidence halts Aitken libel trial

Kim Sengupta

The Jonathan Aitken libel trial halted dramatically yesterday after new evidence surfaced about the former minister's controversial stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris.

Neither Mr Aitken nor his wife Lolicia were in court to hear Mr Justice Popplewell ad-

Aitken's counsel, Charles Gray QC. It was the first time they had failed to turn up during the

12 day hearing.
Mr Gray stated that the time would be needed to examine a witness statement presented in court from a British Airways investigator by George Carman

journ the case until this morning at the request of Mr and for Granada television.

The former Chief Secretary to the Treasury and defence procurement minister is suing the newspaper and the television company, makers of the World in Action programme, over claims that he was financially dependent on powerful Saudi interests, and that he pimped for Arabs.

Harris, is believed to have provided details of travel arrangements for Mrs Aitken and the couples' daughter Victoria during the crucial period when Mr Aitken stayed at the Ritz in Sep-

tember 1993. Mr Aitken has been accused of letting his hotel hill be paid by Prince Mohammed, son of

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> Giving evidence on oath at the High Court last week, Mr Aitken had insisted that the bill had been paid by Mrs Aitken who had travelled from Switzerland to Paris. He had given the

Robin Butler, and MPs in the

House of Commons. Mr Aitken resigned from the Cabinet in April 1995 to pursue his libel action, staking his reputation and his career on refuting the allegation. He stated publicly: "If it falls to me to start

bent and twisted journalism in our country with the simple sword of truth and the trusty

shield of British fair play, so be it. I am ready for the fight..." Yesterday Mrs Aitken, her mother, and Victoria were expected to give evidence under oath. Mr Carman told the judge that he wanted to re-examine

Mr Aitken about his account of

the Paris visit today.

During the libel action Mr Carman had said Mr Aitken's version of the payment of the hotel hill was a " weh of lies". He listed 13 points which, he claimed, destroyed the former minister's explanation. Mr Aitken denies this.

### Midwife with the personal touch is best

**Glenda Cooper** Social Affairs Correspondent

Women cared by midwives on a one-to-one basis need fewer epidurals or other pain relief during childhirth, according to a new survey.

The report looked at 1,400 women, half cared for by traditional midwives and half cared by midwives in the Oneto-One project. In the National Health Service a woman can have up to 40 different people caring for her during her pregnancy and is unlikely to have her haby delivered by a midwife. Three out of four babies are delivered by a stranger.

In the One-to-One study, which has been running for three years, the woman has a named midwife and one back-up so she will give hirth in the presence of someone she knows well. Being community based, the midwife carries out more of the ante- and post-natal care in the mother's home. The scheme has been pionecred by Lesley Page, the Queen Charlotte's Professor of Midwifery Practice at the Wolf-

son School of Health Science. In the One-to-One group, 52 per cent of women had an epidural compared with 67 per cent in the traditional group - a very significant finding", Pro-



fessor Page said. Half as many got through childbirth without arry recourse to pain relief in the traditional group as in the One to Ones. And fewer than one in five One to Ones had an episiotomy compared with 30 per cent cared for traditionally.

Both midwives and mothers

also said they benefited from a higher level of care in terms of the information and advice they received and in the amount of emotional support. They were also twice as likely to receive constant attendance during labour and were less likely said that it was easier to work to need continuous electro-

as a partnership and mothers nic monitoring during the birth. not cost the NHS any more than Women want to have their baby delivered by a midwife the traditional style of midwhom they have grown to know wifery practice." and trust," Professor Page said. "It's of huge psychological ben-efit which, in the majority of cases, makes for an easier birth ...

At present One to One operates at Hammersmith, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea hospi-In practical terms what's real-Leicester and Shrewsbury. ly important is that on the ba-

tals in London and centres in A spokeswoman for the RoyPhotograph: Brian Harris

sis of our study this service does al College of Midwives said that they welcomed the report. "We have always known that one-toone support is beneficial. We have just one proviso. Zero cost implications may well he the case when the service is up and running, but for a major service change ... money is needed to equip the midwives."

### Middle-class women issuing more complaints

**Barrie Clement** Labour Editor

Compensation to victims of sex discrimination has increased three-fold in 12 months with a growing number of middleclass women taking their employers to court.

A decision by the European Court of Justice to abolish the £11,000 limit on awards at industrial tribunals has resulted in a considerable increase in cases taken by female managers up to director level, the Equal Opportunities Commission says. Out-of-court settlements and

awards by tribunals averaged £18,732 in 1996 compared with £6,481 the previous year.

Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the commission, said that women in professional jobs had clearly decided that the former limit of £11,000, which had often resulted in compensation in the £2,000 to £3,000 range, made the exercise pointless.

The increasing readiness of managers to hring cases to the commission gave equal oppor-multies a much higher profile. "Employers are increasingly recognising that discrimination

can cost money," Ms Bahl said. In a recent case, Christine Esplin, a £42,500-a-year personnel director, received a record £140,000 settlement after complaining that a male colleague on the board with similar responsibilities for merchandise was paid more than her.

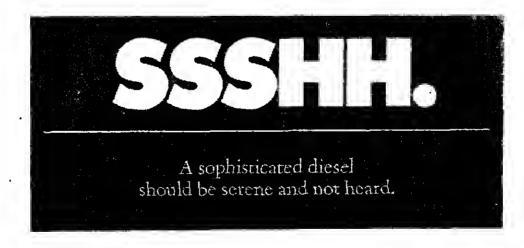
Introducing the commission's annual report, Ms Bahl said that more companies were bringing equal opportunities issues to the commission rather waiting for court action. Organisations were increasingly keen to avoid the bad publicity, she said. Tribunals were more liable to

ask organisations to justify working arrangements which tended to discriminate against women as flexible employment agreements increased.

The EOC chairwoman said legislation was in urgent need of revision, and she believed the present government might be more "amenable" to change than the previous administration. The law was a "mess", she said, and cases had taken more than a decade to work their way through the judicial system. Because of years of delay, it will now cost the National Health Service £30m to "equalise" the pay of speech therapists with pharmacists and clinical psychologists. Existing legislation placed a hig. hurden on taxpayers.

Men were far more likely to complain about "women-only" services such as single-sex swimming sessions, car rescue services and parking spaces. The number of complaints from males last year was 470, more than in the previous five years. It is thought many of the issues were taken up by the UK Men's Movement, which says the commission's activities are hiased to-

wards the rights of women.



## Drivers may have to pay to enter West End

Transport Correspondent

Radical plans to introduce tolls on some of London's busiest roads, tax workplace parking spaces and create car-free streets, have been drawn up by the borough of Camden.

The blueprint, which would affect routes from the West End and the City to the north, will

for approval. If the scheme gets a green light, planners will flesh out the proposals with dery ban - and co-ordinate its ac-

tions with other authorities. A system of permits to ex-

soon be sent to the Government clude "non-essential" cars from 1 per cent a year and that "to that the traffic displaced from considered by councillors, totailed plans. The borongh's a system of "loyalty cards" which would give shoppers special discounts if they used neighbourhood stores rather than taking the car out to drive the rangest system of "loyalty cards" which would give shoppers special discounts if they used neighbourhood stores rather than taking the car out to drive the rangest system of "loyalty cards" which would give shoppers special discounts if they used the range of the range gether with plans to introduce

ve to the nearest supermarket. The council points out that traction. However, the council's traffic in the borough grows at own computer model shows

proposing a new sustainable transport strategy".

Planners are also considering clearing Camden High Street of cars. The area is home to the fashionable market which is considered a major tourist at-

tackle the dangers of a fume-filled borough, we are now er streets. "There could be an effect on traffic all the way up to St Albans in Hertfordshire, said Ian Plowright, a transport planner for Camden. "It is something we are very, very

mindful about. "We are well aware of the risks," said Deborah Sacks, vice-chair of the council's en-

restrictions on parking numbers, a major employer, Direct Line, threatened to decamp to

Peterborough." However, one easy method for planners to help companies understand the cost of car parking is to specify the amount of duce pollution levels in the tax paid for each space. In a submission to the Department of

vironment committee. "When Transport working group, local Croydon tried to introduce authorities claim that companies paid £550 in Birmingham to

park each car a year compared with £150 in Norwich. The borough, through which more than 500,000 cars drive every day, is proposing the mea-sures to ease congestion and re-

morning and evening rush hours.

In 1995, levels of particulates,

deadly tiny specks of dust, in: Camden exceeded government health standards on 46 days.

Motoring organisations said there would be major problems in introducing the plan. "If you introduce charges in one area, you will find businesses and residents moving to another, "said Edmund Kmg, a spokesman for the RAC. "These proposals only work on a London-wide basis.

## Review casts doubt on future of £1.5bn road schemes

Randeep Ramesh

The future of road schemes doubt yesterday as the Governmeot armounced a major restrategy.

and broadly based strategic roads review," the exercise will seek to incorporate Labour's desire for an integrated transport policy and should report its - riving at a environmental confindings to coincide with the transport White Paper next

spring.
Ministers will start an "accelerated review oo 12 important schemes including the controversial Salisbury bypass in Wiltshire and the 27-mile Birmingham Relief Road - both of which cross sites of special scientific interest.

Gavin Strang, the transport minister, told MPs in a Commons reply that the aim was to find out which roads should become part of the Government's

ental impact and other forms worth £1.5bn was thrown into of transport which may be-

view of its road building in line with the Government's desire to make motorists switch Described as a "far-reaching to buses, trains, bicycles and oth-

er forms of transport.
Only two weeks ago, Joho
Prescott, the Depoty Prime
Minister, pointed the way by arference in London oo the Tube instead of his ministerial Daim-

The minister, however, told journalists there was a limit to the amount of taxpayers' mon-ey that could be found for new roads. He said ministers were looking at the possibility of a "dedicated income stream" for

public transport.
"We only have a certain amount of money from the public. There is a major strategic decision to be made and we

Dr Strang's atmouncement is

mtegrated transport policy, tak-ing account of the environ-

taxiog car parking spaces," said Dr Strang. Transport experts had speculated before the election that the £6bn roads programme

are considering road pricing and

Great North roadworks: The rebuilding of the A1 trunk road between Alcanbury and Peterborough in Cambridgeshire will mean no extra money will be available this year from the

road building budget. The fate of the dozen "accelerated review" schemes could be decided within a could be raided to fund innovative public transport schemes. month, but Mr Strang warned But the timing of this review that some complex projects

may need more time to reach

The 12 roads to be reviewed are: the Birmingham Northern addition, five private road Relief Road; M25 Juoctions 12 to 15; the M66 Denton-Middleton stretch; widening the A2/M2 junction 4; the Sal-

isbury bypass-Wessex link; A564 Derby soutbern bypass; the M62E/M606 link roads, and in

schemes, Environmentalists were "disappointed" by the Government's announcement. "There

was nothing concrete oo a number of important projects. We trust speedy decisions will be made," said Roger Higman, transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth.

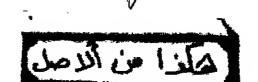
Motoring organisations however, welcomed the report. EdPhotograph: Brian Harris

mund King, a spokesman for the RAC, said: "We are glad the Government is considering safety, environment and accessibility and expect to see environmentally-friendly improvements to the nation's



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## Blair stops the dithering over the dome

Christian Wolman

The latest reprieve of the Millennium Exhibition is a triumpb of Tony Blair's heart over his brain and it is such a high-risk gamble that he may come to regret allowing the wrong organ to determine government policy.

Until yesterday, everything pointed to a sensible retreat by the new Labour government. The Greenwich project, in south-east London, was in a mess with very little worked out in detail except the dome, which had mysteriously changed shape when it was relaunched by Lord Rogers and his team last week. Labour had expressed concern about the lack of substance in the ideas for the contents of the dome and wanted a more educational and spiritual content.

Indeed, support for the pro-

ject had begun to wither away and very few companies had come forward as definite funders. The Sun newspaper splashed with "Dump the Dome". Imagination, the designers, had been "stood down". And worst of all. nothing much had happened since the last crisis in January which had resulted in a fudge between Conservative and Labour. There was an agreement that the incoming government would be

posed to cover the details, not whether the project should carry on or oot. That proved to be misleading. The review carried out in the past month by four consultants on aspects of the scheme such as transport, construction and

able to review the project, but in

an effort not to deter private-sec-

tor investors, that was only sup-

tal and could have led to cancellation, Moreover, earlier this week it was revealed that English Partnerships, the quango which owns the Greenwich site, was keen to have it cleared after the exhibition, which meant the dome would be temporary.

Given this plethora of problems and with time running short - the scheme is supposed to be finished by September 1999 - Labour could have pulled out gracefully, blaming it all on their predecessors. It would have wasted around £25m but it would have left a clean site for regeneration.

There would have been justification. The Tories had dithered since the project was conceived. First, when Stephen Dorrell was Secretary of State for National Heritage in May visitor numbers was fundamen-1995, he said it was to be entirely

June 1994: Proposals by Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for National Heritage, for national exhibition to mark the end of the century.

October 95: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Richard Branson interested in

February 96: Greenwich wins the right to host the celebration; £200m of lottery money earmarked for the project.

June 96: BT pledges £12m, piggest corporate contribution. Chief adviser Sir Peter Leaven understood to raise £150m from private sector.

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June 97: Treasury chiefs urge Prime Minister to scrap the projects. Prime Minister remains in favour of the dome.

private, costing around £100m and expected to attract 50 million visitors - rather different from the present 10-12 million. Then the project was put out

to tender and allocated to Greenwich, rather than to Birmingham. Butthe rather unexciting Birmingham scheme had much of the sponsorship money

lined up whereas Greenwich biggest kite in history" and anhad no such support. So, in late 1996, the Tory government announced that it was going back on its ideological instincts and renationalising the project, creating Millennium Central to run

it. Even then, the difficulties did not end. In December, the chief executive of Millennium Central, Barry Hartop, left hastily and was replaced by Jenny Page, the then chief executive of the Mil-

lennium Commission. When Labour inherited this muddle, ministers were aghast. While Tony Blair's enthusiasm was echoed by Nick Raynsford. the MP for Greenwich and min-

ister for London, other senior ministers, sceing the husiness plan for the first time, wanted the project to be dropped. Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, reckoned it was "the husiness support, he desperately

other senior minister said: "I have never seen such a mess in my political life. This wouldn't have got past a local parish council finance committee."

Labour backbenchers also began to express opposition openly. A motion saying the scheme should be scrapped was supported by 26 MPs and a further 19 wanted it moved back to the cbeaper Birmingham site.

Despite this opposition. Mr Blair ploughed on. He wanted something that would excite his 13-year-old, Euan, and would leave a lasting legacy. Strongly influenced by his friend, Lord Rogers, the architect, and Bob Ayling, the British Airways chief executive who now moves in Labour circles and who has been rounding up

wanted to retain the project. Greenwich is, therefore, to be the Prime Minister's pet project. And although its future is still is subject to the five criteria set out in yesterday's announce-ment, it is almost inconceivable

that it will be scrapped.
The figures look frightening. The total budget is £850m, of which £450m will come from the lottery. About 30,000 visitors a day, paying £20 each, will be needed throughout the 15 months of the exhibition to make it viable. One of the new criteria is that no extra public money will be needed.

But business is not going to pay the extru and therefore the Government would have to cough up. It is a high-risk strategy that could give Labour a big boost in mid-term or could be

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## Sixteen years jail for the £100m drugs baron the police called Target One

Kim Sengupta

A Briton accused of running one of the biggest drugs cartels in Europe was jailed for 12 years in the Netherlands yesterday.

Curtis Warren, called the Teflon Gangster due to his ability to avoid serious conviction, was found guilty of orchestrating a plot to flood Britain with £100m worth of cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and hashish.

The conviction was welcomed by British investigators, who had worked closely with Dutch authorities on Operation Crayfish, which led to the arrest of Warren, 34, from Liverpool, and five accomplices.

However, the judge at The Hague central criminal court, Judge Solco Holtrop, said he did not believe Warren was one of the "heaviest" criminals in the drugs racket, and reduced the 16-year jail term requested by the prosecution.

The trial had been fraught with problems. At one stage there was concern the whole system of cross-border co-operation between law enforcement agencies could be in jeopardy.
The defence had successfully argued for an adjournment after objecting to the use of British undercover evidence. But the point was eventually rejected by Judge Solco Holtrop.

On another occasion the hearing was moved to a secret location following intelligence reports of an alleged plot to "spring" the defendants.

Warren's two main accomplices, Stephen Mee, 38, from Liverpool, and 34-year-old Stephen Whitehead, from Oldham, were jailed for seven years each. Mee is facing a 22-year jail term imposed at Manchester Crown Court in absentia for his part in a £1m drugs raid.

John Farrell, 34, from Manchester, was sentenced to 12 months, hut will be released in two days because of time spent in custody awaiting trial. Three others. 28-year-old Roy Nolan, William Fitzgerald, 55, and William Riley, 47, all from Liverpool, have already been jailed for three years each.



Case made to stick: Curtis Warren had been nicknamed the Teflon Gangster for his ability to avoid serious conviction

British detectives said it had taken a long time for justice to catch up with Warren, in spite of him being codenamed Target One by Interpol.

He and a partner, a 37-yearold career criminal from Middlesbrough, Brian Charrington,

were the defendants when an investigation into an alleged £250m drugs deal collapsed four years ago.

Subsequent investigations revealed that two Tory ministers, Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell and Sir John Cope, min-

ister responsible for Customs, had intervened to have charges dropped against Charrington, leaving the avenue open for Warren's subsequent acquittal, Warren and Charrington had

caine concealed scrap ingots. Unknown to the pair they were already under surveillance by Customs. A call by Charrington was intercepted and the drugs allegedly travelled to Colombia were seized. Warren was to set up a deal with the Cali charged along with 10 others.

Cartel to import 900kg of co-

Photograph; Peter Byrne

Customs officers say the evidence against both Warren and Charrington was extremely strong. Then two officers from the North East Regional Crime Squad, Detective Inspector Harry Knaggs and Detective Sergeant Ian Wecdon.

Labour profiting from Serb link In a meeting chaired by Sir Nicholas, his parliamentary pri-vate secretary. Tim Devlin, lob-

Christian Wolmar

suspended by the party over allegations that he created a consultancy to lobby on behalf of a Serbian steel company which at the time was on a United Nations sanctions list.

the gang - Joseph Kassar walked free. A cocky Warren confronted Customs officers outside Newcastle Crown Court to boast that he was off to spend the £86m

he had made from the deal. He was back in husiness, and the money from drugs paid for a luxury home in the Wirral, a flat on the waterfront in Liverpool, and properties in France, Spain, and the Netherlands. But other gangsters tried to muscle in. Warren became involved in a violent struggle with the rival Fitzgibbon/Ungi family in Liverpool. After his chief lieutenant, Johnny Phillips, was

ued informant.

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hehalf, although he was not his constituent. Mr Devlin had vis-

against Charrington and the case against Warren collapsed.

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ited Charrington in prison. Charges were dropped

his base to the Netherlands. But he was neither out of sight or mind of Customs. Informants came forward to say that Warren was setting up a major importation deal into Britain, and a joint operation, codenamed Crayfish, was organised with the Dutch

gunned down, Warren moved

After six months of surveillance Warren was arrested in October last year by Dutch police near the Rotterdam Europort. A raid on a ship in the dock led to the recovery 800kg of Colombian cocaine with a street value of £75m secreted in aluminium ingots. Raids in Amsterdam and Rotterdam netted more drugs bringing the total to £100m as well as a cache of grenades, automatic weapons and CS gas canisters.

Following yesterday's convictions. Ranald Macdonald, a senior Customs investigator, said: "With the conviction of Curtis Warren an entire criminal organisation has effectively been destroyed."

Boh Wareing, the Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, was

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It is alleged that Mr Wareing's company received money from the Serbian firm in return for his lobbying activities.

Mr Wareing, who now faces an investigation by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, has had the party whip sus-pended until the inquiry is completed. He has "welcomed" the investigation but has not denied the allegations.
Mr Wareing has long had an

interest in the former Yugoslavia and a significant proportions of the questions he asked in Parliament concerned matters relating to the war there and its aftermath.

He was criticised in 1995 for holding a meeting with Bosnian: Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and with General Ratko Mladic. who were both accused of being responsible for ethnic cleansing. Last year he asked a series of

questions on whether various ministers would be visiting Serhia and whether the Government would be trying to promote British trading interests in the former Yugoslavia. He also asked a question about whether the Export Guarantee Credit scheme covered Serbia and he was told that it did not.

Mr Wareing has long been seen as pro-Serbian, though he denied in Parliament that he was a supporter of the Milosevic regime. If his link with the Serbian company is proved, Mr Wareing is likely to face much more than the minimum punishment of a reprimand and at best will receive a suspension from the House or, at worst, possible expulsion.





Labour MP Was Profiting from Serb link

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## Failing teachers could be sacked in a month

**Education Correspondent** 

Grossly incompetent teachers could be sacked within a month under new fast-track procedures put forward by education authorities. The change would mean a dramatic telescoping of the dismissal process, which at present can drag on in schools for up to two years.

Meanwhile, teachers who are failing less drastically could be removed within two terms if they did not improve, authority leaders say. Local educatioo authorities, who employ teachers, put forward the recommendations in response to a government consultatioo on developing a "firm but fair" approach to speedier dismissal.

Ministers believe the preseot seven-stage competency process, which can include four warnings, two dismissal hearings and an appeal before governors, bampers attempts by head

teachers to raise standards. Though they insist they do ool want to see mass sackings of failing teachers, they believe those not up to the job who canoot or will not improve through support and training should be swiftly removed.

The LEAs, who met the schools standards minister, Stephen Byers, on Wednesday

chair of the authorities' representative body the Local Government Association (LGA), said LEAs were beginning to "hardeo their view" on gross incompetence. Schools should be able to cut out warnings and move straight to the final stages of the competency process within a month, he said.

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Incompetent teachers, meanwhile, would receive up to two warnings each followed by six weeks to improve, hefore a move to dismissal procedures.

The proposal comes less than a month after David Hart, leader of the National Associatioo of

Head Teachers, said teachers sbould be judged against achievement targets, including test and exam results, in the drive to weed out failing staff.

The LGA wants the Government to issue national guidelines on the issue, which LEAs would adopt, possibly in a mod-ified form. Schools should be obliged to sign up to their authority's competeocy agreeassociation.

The proposals for fast-track sackings angered the National Unioo of Teachers, which insisted head teachers should never allow a teacher to slip into gross incompetence. Doug McAvoy, its general secretary, said: "The country invests a great deal in the training of teachers and should not have that investment wasted through problems not being addressed early enough."

The Government is to follow up its consultation with a second oo ways to accelerate dismissal of incompetent head teachers. Among options under consideration is the introduction of fixed-term cootracts for heads, which has already met fierce opposition from head teachers' leaders.

The LGA, which is seeking to claw back influence in the hiring and firing of heads from to set out their response to the school governors, proposes an consultation, are understood to alternative scheme under which have surprised ministers and civ-staff moving into management il servants with their tough line: "positions in schools would work Graham Lane, educatioo for a period "on trial" before bemg given a permanent post if

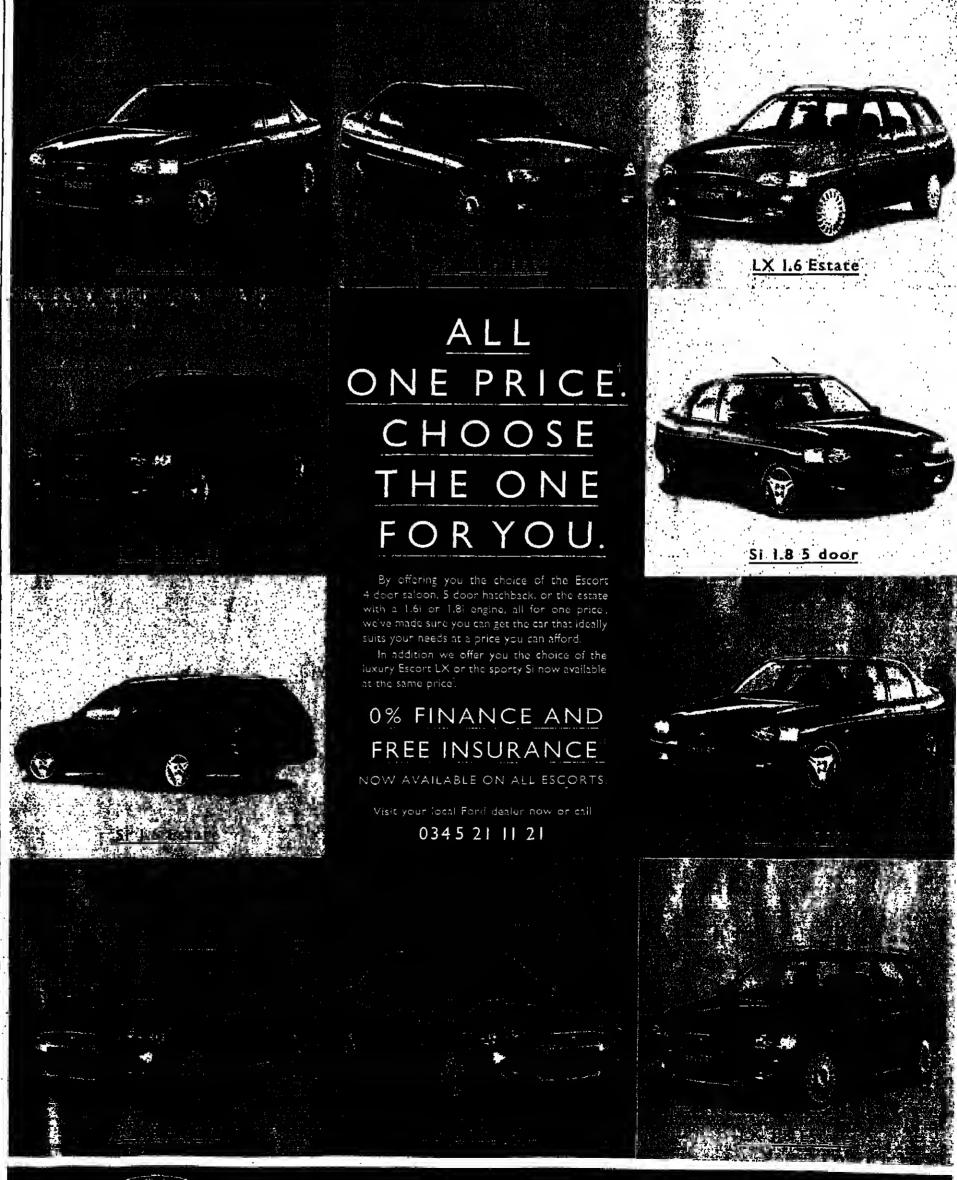
they proved competent.

A crisis in recruiting head teachers which threatens the drive for higher standards in schools will spiral unless the Government breaks public spending limits and boosts heads' pay, a teachers' leader

warned yesterday.
In a letter to David Blunkett,
Secretary of State for Education,
David Hart of the National Association of Head Teachers said more and more teachers believed salary increases through promotion to headship were not worth the candle".



ments, according to the The fast-action performance runs until 29 June as part of the London International Festival of Theatre (Lift) Photograph: Laurie Lewis





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## Trainee surgeons perform operations alone

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

First-time surgeons are carrying out operations without supervision, including kidney transplants and mastectnmies, that they have neither seen nor assisted at hefore, a survey has

revealed. Almost nine out of ten gen-eral surgeons and two-thirds of head and neck surgeons admit to performing procedures, for the first time, without a senior and more experienced entleague being present. In some cases there was no senior doctor present in the hospital.

Junior doctors said they had removed gall bladders, spleens and had repaired hernias for the first time without supervision. Registrars had performed major abdominal operations un-supervised, including removal of the bowel, amputations and, in

one case, a kidney transplant. The survey was conducted among 450 trainee surgeons and young consultants of whom 276 returned the questionnaire.

Professor Janet Wilson, of the department of head and neck surgery at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, who conducted the survey published in the British Medical Journal, said the findings were disturbing. "I had known from anecdotal reports that this went on hut I was surprised by the scale of it and by the complexity of the operations performed. A lot of surgeons I discussed it with expressed frank disbelief, so I am glad to have it published because this is a large sample and there is no doubt about the figures."

Among the young consultant surgeons, most reported having performed a procedure that they

had not seen during training, but Professor Wilson said that this was less worrying. "As consultants are fully trained they should have the capacity to take on new techniques, she said.

The reasons for the lack of supervision were pressure on surgeons to cut waiting lists, together with the reduction in junior doctors' hnurs. This in-creased the burden on consultants who had to spend more time doing routine surgery and so had less time for training. Consultants were expected not to let training delay operations.

Some unsupervised procedures
were carried out as emergencies
at nights and weekends.

However, John Spiers, chairman of the Patients' Association, claimed some senior consultants were putting their private work before the NHS. "If these doctors are unsupervised, where are their supervisors when they're supposed to be in the operating theatre? There's evidence to suggest that they are in their

private consulting rooms."
Professor Wilson said the surgical training colleges should keep closer checks on the records kept by trainces in ensure operations were super-vised the first time they were performed. The pressure on trainers might be eased by breaking complex operations into parts - opening the ab-domen, repair, and closing, for example - so that only that part of the procedure that was unfamiliar would need supervision.

The Royal College of Surgeons said yesterday that the findings were worrying, but ques-tioned whether they were rep-resentative of the 4.000 senior house officers and 2,000 specialist registrars in surgical training.

Not cricket: rain stops play as normal weather resumes



Rain spoiled the day for the second Ashes Test at Lord's (above) yesterday, when heavy showers ended all hope of play, and, for only the fourth time in history, the first day of a Test match at the ground was lost.

Forecasters predicted rain for the start of the Wimbledon tennis championships next week, "There is no sign of summer at all as far as we can see," they warned. But the weather did nothing to dampen enthusiasm at Royal Ascot, where

racing went ahead, with mud adding an unexpected touch to the

Ladies' Day fashions. At Lord's, where England's cricketers hoped to capitalise on their morale-boosting victory against Australia in the first Test.

players and spectators spent a frustrating day. Mike Atherton, the

England captain, said: "It's a shame, we all really want to get out there." Royal Ascot, pages 28, 29. Derek Pringle, page 32 Photograph: Peter Jay

Patients' damages can wait, says professor

Jeremy Laurance

Victims of medical negligence who win large compensation awards against NHS trusts should not expect an immediate payout but take their place in the queue for scarce re-sources, a professor of medical ethics says.

Paying large sums in compensation is unjust when the shortage of NHS resources means that other NHS patients who need treatment to save

who need treatment to save their lives are denied it, says Pro-fessor John Harris.
On Tuesday, Liam Batty, 9, who was hrain damaged at birth, was awarded £1.25m in a claim against South Manchester Health Authority. Lawyers. estimate that between £250m and £1hn will he paid out for similar accidents between now and the end of the century. Since 1995, all hospital neg-

ligence awards have been met out of the NHS budget and when judgment is delivered hospitals have to pay the com-

pensation immediately.

Professor Harris, of the Institute of Medicine, Law and Ethics at the Universities of Manchester and Liverpool, says in the British Medical Journal that it is inequitable to give successful litigants absolute priority in the sharing-out of NHS resources.

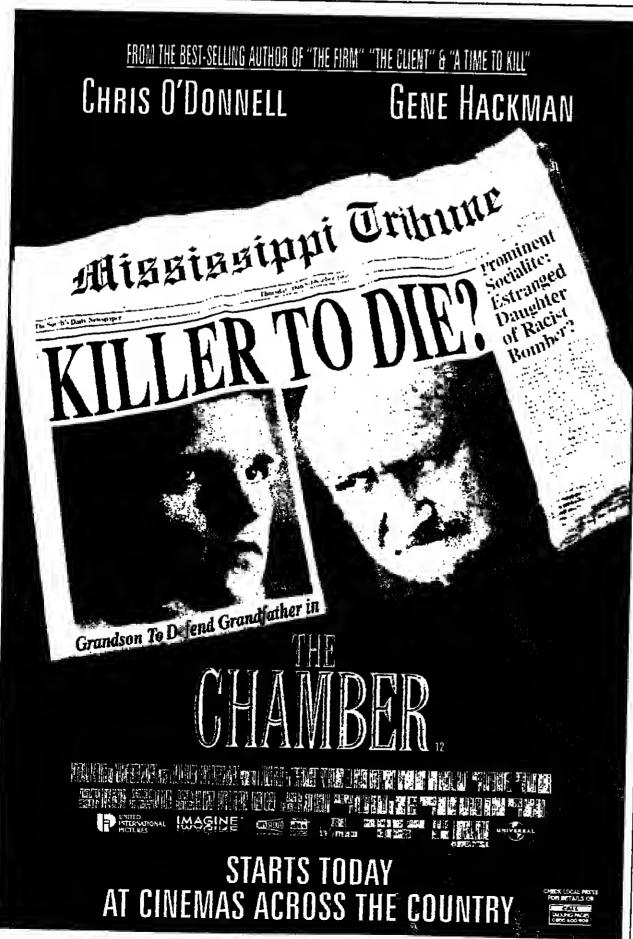
"The important question is whether it is just for awards of damages to be enforced when the effect of so doing may be to deny more important or urgent claims on the same budget."

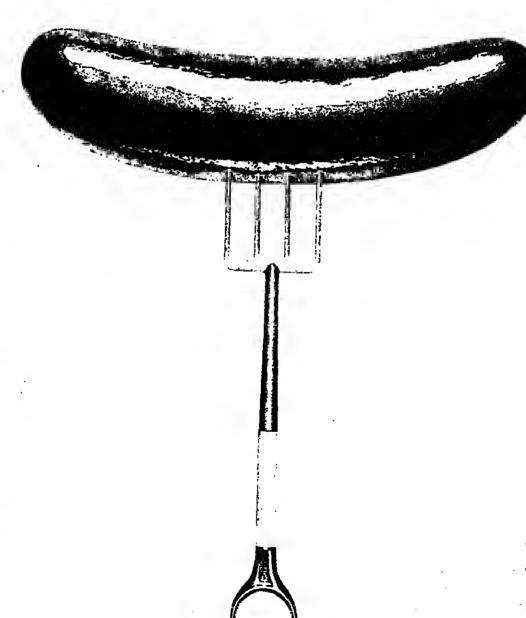
He suggests that successful claimants should have their needs assessed and go on a waiting list for payment only when there were no more urgent claims to be met. Priority

should be given to paying the costs of continuing care.

A separately funded "no fault" compensation scheme which would be fairer to victims of accidents and avoid the stigmatisation of doctors could be introduced. Professor Harris

However, ministers have in the past ruled out no fault schemes as being too costly.





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## Pol Pot 'sets terms for his surrender'

#### Matthew Chance Phnom Penh

There was further confusion over the whereabouts of Pot Pot last night, with a senior Cambodian military official in contact with renegade Khmer Rouge guerrillas casting doubt on reports that he has surrendered.

General Nheik Bunchay said the matter was only being ne-gotiated with Pol Pot. The reviled guerrilla leader is reported to be on the run from his jungle stronghold with some 200 loyalists and several hostages, including Christopher Howes, the British expert in landmine clearance abducted by the Khmer Rouge in March last year.

"He has told his former comrades he will surrender, but only under certain conditions," General Nheik Bunchay said.

He said forces loyal to Pol Pot may surrender to a renegade Khmer Rouge force led by the notorious one-legged military commander of the hardline Maoist organisation, Ta Mok. known as "the hutcher" to Cambodians. The name was earned during Pol Pot's hrutal post-1975 regime, when an estimated 2 million people were either executed or worked to death in labour camps.

Latest reports on the guer-



Pol Pot: On the run from remote jungla stronghold

rillas' clandestine radio said on Tuesday that Pol Pot had already surrendered to renegade forces, who turned against their leader of 30 years after he ordered a vicious internal purge earlier this month which saw the execution of Son Sen, the movement's long-standing security chief, and 11 of his family. The hroadcast said "a new era" had begun for Cambodia, and that Pol Pot was a problem that had

now heen solved. But the problem continues. Even if one of this century's most reviled dictators finally surrenders, there is no clear way to

hring him to justice. Cambodia's government has

#### said it would stand Pol Pot before an international tribunal for his crimes against humanity. Both of the country's tying prime ministers have approached the United Nations Secretary-General's special representative to Cambodia, formally requesting he step in to oversee a truth commission, like that begun in postapartheid South Africa, to determine facts about the secretive Khmer Rouge. But the story of the Khmer

Rouge is far more than a ques-tion of just one man's misdeeds.

A whole generation of politicians

and army commanders in Cam-

bodia, including the two co-pre-

miers, at one time served under

or with Pol Pot in the factional

civil wars that have racked the

it would not be in anyone's in-terests to have the past dragged

"Execution is the way the group deals with those it terms

'trailors'. It is the way they express their concept of justice lieve they would change their minds for Pol Pot," he added. The prospect of Pol Pot be-ing confirmed dead appears

rics," said Raoul Jennar, a

Phnom Penh-based analyst.

especially heartening for the people of Phnom Penh. Mistreated and forced to leave their jobs and homes for the "Killing Fields" of Pol Pot's regime, which ended in 1979, few have emerged from the past two decades without scurs.

Fewer still want to think of Pol Pot as anything hut dead. "I was happy when I heard he was finished," said Poli Lee, 43, country for most of its indepen-dent history. "The reason this [tribunal] will not happen is that who saw five members of her family beaten to death in 1977. "It has been difficult for me to live. But now I feel that I can up, to have Pol Pot tell their stohelieve he's not coming back,"



ge: Cambodian soldiers loyal to the First Prime Minister, Norodom Ranariddh, arriving during funeral

### Thailand's dream team steps down

### Matthew Chance

Thailand's deepening economic crisis claimed its first political victims yesterday, as two key gov-ernment ministers stepped down.

Amouay Viravan, the embattled finance minister handed in his resignation, followed shortly afterwards by commerce minister, Narongchai Akrasanee. Others in the political "dream team" set up in mend Thailand's beleague red econo-

my may quit today.

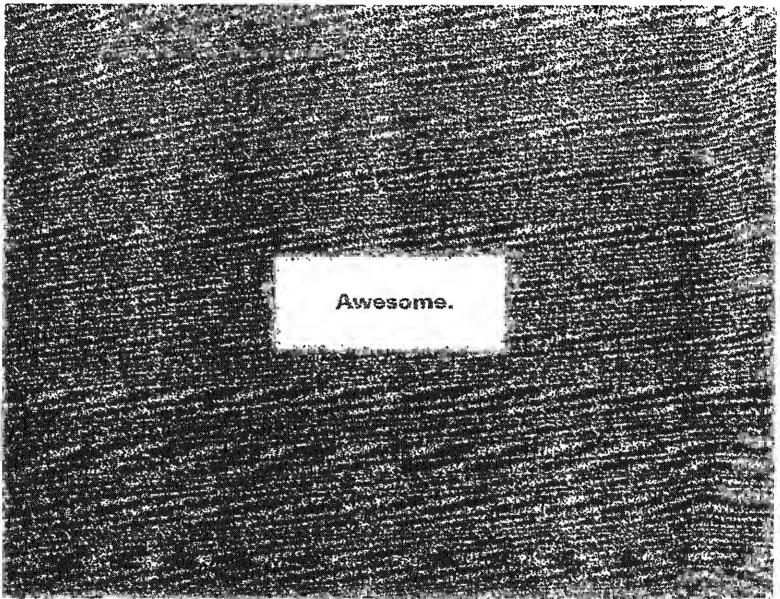
The resignations mark a blow for the Prime Minister and have sparked widespread nervousness about what lies ahead. Once a leading "Asian Tiger", Thailand's rapid economic growth profited from high levels of foreign investment and an "globally-orientated" economy. But last year under-

lying troubles rose to the surface. The continuing economic crisis, which has seen Thailand's growth rates plunge from highs of the late 1980s to just over 5 per cent last year, could lead to more political instability and even the fall of the government: Chavalit Yongch-

aiyudh, the Prime Minister, has staked his future on reviving the country's economy. He is expected to name new finance and commerce ministers over the next few days, but has tem-porarily placed himself in charge of running the economy. It has been dogged by big debts, a mas-sive slump in property prices and rising unemployment. The Prime Minister assured

investors that there would be no immediate change in economic policies and said his priority would be to defend the country's currency, the bant, from

tack by speculators. Neither Mr Amnuay, the fi-Naronechai were elected members of parliament. The technocrats were brought into government as part of the Prime Minister's "dream team" to boister confidence in government economic polices. Some members of the governing coalition were never comfortable with this and have repeatedly blocked measures recommended by the duo, preventing tight - and unpopular - fiscal polices being implemented.



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## Jospin relies on growth to save Emu hopes

John Lichfield

French public finances are in a "serious" mess, the new Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin told parliament yesterday.

Nonetheless, the Socialist-led government plans to meet the deadline for creation of a single currency by 1999. It hopes, growth permitting, to reduce taxes, starting with VAT.

It will go ahead, although not immediately, with its promises to reduce working hours and create new state-sector and subsidised jobs. It will abandon, or much reduce, the budget-balancing, programme to sell off state-owned industries. It will increase, by 4 per cent, the statutory minimum wage.

Two large public works projects, energetically opposed by Mr Jospin's Green government partners – the Rhone-Rhine canal and the Superphénix experimental neutron reactor will be abandoned. This will relieve a little of the pressure on the state's finances hut cost an estimated 75,000 jobs.

Mr Jospin's general policy speech to the National Assemhly contained no real surprises. Equally, it contained few clues on how Mr Jospin intends to square the seemingly contradictory pledges of last month's

successful election campaign, If public finances are in such a mess - an audit will be published in mid-July - how can Mr Jospin meet the targets for single-currency membership with-

out tax rises or spending cuts? Mr Jospin gave a brisk and well-written one-hour speech, repeating his pledge to govern openly and honestly, but did not directly address this conundrum. He promised a "first appreciation" of the government's economic and fiscal options next week. The first formal budexpected, until September.

Mr Jospin seems to be placing all his bets on an increase in growth, pumped up by more domestic spending, fired by the increase in the minimum wage. and possibly a small cut in VAT on basic items. Although he gave no figures, a series of leaks in recent days suggest that France is heading for a budget deficit this year of between 3.5 and 3.7 per cent of gross national product, well over the Maastricht treaty guideline of 3 per cent. A spurt in growth,

Sooner, rather than later. Mr Jospin will have to do something unpopular

now around 2 per cent, could hring France within touching distance of the guideline. But time is running out.

After the contradictory signals of the last ten days, the mar-kets and Mr Jospin's EU partners were waiting for a clear statement yesterday of French intentions on Economic and Monetary Union (Emu) and the single currency.

Mr Jospin spoke of the "volonté" (intention) of his government to meet the 1999 timetable for Emu but he gave no commitment on the budgetary guidelines. He also said that the resolution on growth and job-creation, obtained by France in Amsterdam this week, should be seen as only a first step. France would be ask-

On non-economic questions, get proposals will be delayed, as Mr Jospin pledged to continue

the professionalisation and modernisation of the French armed forces. The abandonment of military service would be maintained.

On immigration, Mr Jospin pledged to be tough on illegal igrants but said he would repeal one key element of the immigration and nationality laws passed by centre-right governments. The right to French citizenship of anyone born on French soil would be restored.

Overall, the speech, though well-crafted, was an exercise in playing for time. The promise of a cut in the working week to 35 hours would be delivered. within the lifetime of the parliament, in other words within five years. The promised re-duction in VAT on hasic items would be "studied" by the fiпапсе ministry.

Mr Jospin was against privatisation and absolutely against the privatisation of public "services". He left the door slightly ajar, however, for at least a partial privation of these state. tial privatisation of those statened industries which needed to keep up with international competition. Which category would the planned budget-eas-ing, sale of France Telecom come under? Possibly the second. In the third week of his gov-

ernment. Mr Jospin is still trying to keep four plates spinning: his commitment to enter Emu on time; his pledge not to plunge France into renewed austerity: his ideas for putting more money into French pock-ets; and his promise always to do as he promised.

Even the centre-left newspaper Liberation, a warm sup-porter of Mr Jospin, said yesterday that he would, sooner rather than later, have to do something unpopular. Honesty was all very well, wrote the newspaper's editor-in-chief, Pierre Briancon. It was more important to get things done.



Fight for truth: Students in Rome laying a wreath this week on the spot where their colleague Marta Russo was shot dead

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## Silence cloaks Rome campus killing

Rome — Marta Russo, a brilliant 22-year-old law student, was killed on the campus of Rome's La Supienza University with a single calibre .22 hul-let fired from a window in the library of the Philosophy of Law

department. The apparently random, motiveless murder, on 9 May, shocked Italy to the core. Since then, key confessions have been withdrawn and watertight alibis have sprung leaks while staff at the law faculty have kept quiet. and ended up behind bars. In a country with one of the

lowest murder rates in the world - Mafia crimes excepted - indiscriminate assassinations hy apparent loners are virtually unknown. That a law student of exceptional promise should crumple noiselessly to her knees on a crowded campus pavement and expire bours later in hospital was unthinkable.

But the initial shock has given way to disbelief as investiLaw faculty 'omerta' after student dies. Anne Hanley reports



Marta Russo (left) and her alleged killer, Giovanni Scattone

gations uncover a network of omerta - the complicitous silence usually associated with the Mafia – in a university department where staff give every impression of having closed ranks. What remains to be seen is why. to being with the alleged killer, Three low-ranking depart- Glovanni Scattone, and his

ment employees are currently in

prison, one charged with pulling the trigger and the other with complicity. One of the latter, Francesco Liparota, broke down under questioning and admitted

friend Salvatore Ferraro when they shot, apparently at random, out of the window. Mr Liparota then retracted his testimony this week, after being released on honse arrest and finding that his mother had received

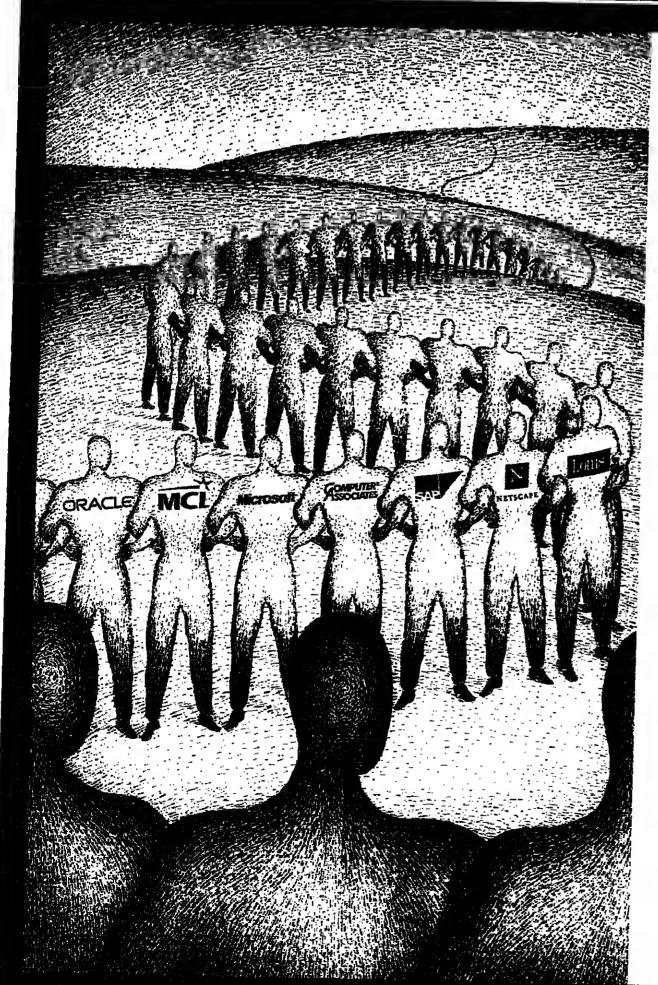
death threats. But his original version has been confirmed by his mother, who said her son had confessed all to her. And it corresponds with the statement given to mag-istrates more than a month af-ter Marta's death by assistant librarian Gahriella Alletto, who was on the other side of book-

shelves when the shot was fired. According to Ms Alletto, she reported the crime to department chiefs immediately. Her difficult decision to go to the investigators, she maintains, was made when it became clear that the department had no intention of coming clean. As a result, both the department head and the chief librarian have also

The university is corrupt through and through," com-mented one lecturer, who declined to he named. "And few departments have worse reputations than Philosophy of Law?

"Corruption" here refers to professors who attend the university only to pick up their pay cheques, delegating work and exams to low or unpaid minions such as Mr Scattone; to highly paid positions being given to under-qualified friends and relations; or to exam success depending on favours or payment.

But as they dig deeper, investigators are clearly having difficulty believing that members of a law department would protect the murderer to cover np administrative fiddles. And they are asking whether the silence surrounding Marta's death may prove to conceal something much more sinister.



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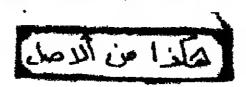
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## Dancing and music fill the streets everyone loves it, everyone does it

They were having a little cele-hration down in Carabanchel the other day. Straddling the south-west fringes of the capital, this is not a beautiful part of town. Down-at-heel with shoddy higgledy-piggledy apart-ments, it is just a hus stop from dusty frontier territory beyond the ring-road, reminiscent of a scene from Paris, Texas.

But Carabanchel is perhaps the proudest of Madrid's working-class suburbs. In Franco's day it was notorious for its prison, where a number of today's illustrious citizens spent time at the Generalissimo's pleasure. The prison is still there, and so is the barracks, from which soldiers kept tabs on red-belt agitators.

The barracks is a community centre now, and the women from the province of Extremadura, vibrant in scarlet and emerald embroidered frocks, with broad brocade ribbons cascading down their backs, were heading up to the former military chapel to mark the first anniversary of Cara-banchel's Extremaduran bar and clubbouse.

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Most working-class Madrilenos come from somewhere else, fleeing rural poverty to seek a livelihood in the capital, and Extremadura is one of the poorest regions. But the 30 or so women and young girls getting ready in the back of their clubhouse, primping and preening and fluffing up each other's petticoats, were revelling in the prospect of celebrating their

origins. Sturdy, matronly Joaqui, a steely glint in her eye and makeup as startling as her sequinned home," she confessed, "but be-round her skinny shoulders.



Party time: Women prepare to dazzle in their finery for the celebrations at the Extremaduran clubhouse in Carabanchel Photograph: David Rose

ing so far from home we feel the need to express our identity. It's an emotional feeling, and we like

to pass it on to our daughters."
Their banter and raucous bar served up beer after frothy beer to the more sheepish menfolk, outdazzled by their re-splendent wives. Loli, a shrunken nervy woman in normal life, glowed like a princess bodice, came to Carabanchel 30
years ago from Badajoz. "We
don't wear costumes like this at

Carmen's crumpled husband, Manuel Calvo was European boxing champion in 1969. Their son Manuel, 29, with a beautiful fragile face and squashed laughter ricocheted off the tiled walls, while Carmen behind the ent and is Spain's reigning featherweight champion. Manuel jur is talking to Lourdes, 20, one of a handful of young women training to be a matador, who rents a room in Loli's cramped flat. Lourdes and young Manuel share the pinched, serious look of those striving to spring from

their humble origins. The Estremaduran women

erupted on to the street, shoulder pads humping, the young girls giggling and darting in their finery. And then, suddenly, the women started to sing, and the girls to dance, lifting their arms and swirling their bright skirts in the solder of amount. the golden afternoon. They sang

usually quiet and empty, and the waiters became more and more higherious as diners failed to materialise. We all knew why. Real Madrid, the "pijo" team, were playing their prolier local rivals Atletico in the deciding foothall match of the league.

The Government yesterday came up with a small but sym-bolic birthday gift for Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader. It put new restrictions on doing business in Burma in protest against the country's abuses of human rights. "The Government will not

provide any financial support to companies for trade missions to Burma or for trade promotion activities within Burma until there is progress towards democratic reform and respect for human rights in Burma," said Derek Fatchett, Foreign Office minister. We shall encourage our EU partners to take similiar action," he added, in answer to a Parliamentary question.

In Rangoon, military police prevented 100 supporters of Suu Kyi from visiting her home to celebrate her 52nd birthday. About 20 of her relatives and aides, however, were allowed into her compound for a quiet ceremony. She has been under semi-house arrest since last September, when the military scaled off her home to prevent a con-

gress of her political party.

The British announcement was welcomed by human rights campaigners. The Burma Ac-tion group UK sees today's move by the new Labour Govermment as an encouraging first step," said a statement from the London-based group.

### Turkish military reaffirms anti-Islamist stance

Turkey's staunchly secularist military said yesterday it would press ahead with its anti-Islamist campaign despite the resignation of the Islamist prime minister. Necmettin Erbakan. "The mission of the Turkish armed lorces of protecting the Turkish republic's unity against the threat of fundamentalism is still valid and continuing," a senior military official said. "It must not be linked with the recent political developments." he added. Reuters - Ankara

### Mafia boss seeks religion

Pietro Aglieri, the arrested Mafia boss who was once one of the mob's most ruthless killers, wants to study theology but a leading Sicilian hishop has refused him permission.

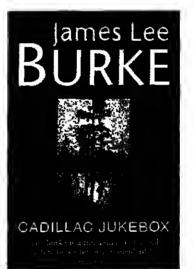
Aglieri, who was arrested earlier this month, told newspapers through his lawyer that he had a "strong desire" to sign up for a theology correspondence course through a Sicilian university. The bishup of Catania said that Aglieri would not be allowed to study theology even if civil law, which limits contact with the outside world for arrested Mañosi, permitted it.

### Vietnam war revisited

Robert McNamara, the former US defense secretary, arrived in Vietnam on Wednesday to re-examine a costly war he now considers a mistake. Mr McNamara is in the capital, Hanoi, to attend a four-day conference on the Vietnam war and its consequences, an organiser said. The former secretary first returned to Vietnam in 1995 to meet his wartime adversary General Vo Nguyen Giap, and to open a dialogue on a war that, by its end in 1973, had cost the lives of 58,000 Americans and more than 3 million Vietnamese, AP - Hanoi

### Most-married man dies at 88

The man listed in the Guinness Book of Records as being married the most times - 29 - has died at the age of 88. Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, a flamboyant minister, died of heart disease on 10 June at a nursing home, 10 days before his first wedding anniversary with Linda Essex-Wolfe, who holds the title of the world's most-married woman, with 23 AP - Rediand, California



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G7 summit: Russia joins world's top industrialised nations in Denver as they share economic troubles and parade successes

## US out of step with partners in wealth

horse-drawn carriage turning into Larimer Square, Denver vesterday, when flags of participating countries have been raised to welcome members of the former G7 group Photograph:Reuters

Mary Dejevsky Washington

Leaders of what used to he the Group of Seven industrialised countries - but are now, with the addition of Russia, judiciously called "The Eight" - gathered for their annual summit meeting yesterday evening in the city of Denver at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Along with their teams of ministers, dozens of advisers, hundreds of lobbyists and even more journalists, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Jacques Chirac and the others were gearing up for two days of discussions directed at airing, if not solving, major problems of the industrialised world.

The drawback is that this year the problems are less easily defined and the leaders more. politically divided than for several years past. It is not only, as many analysts affirm, that today's issues hiur the borderlines between politics and economics as never hefore and that economic "globalisation" is starting to melt the demarcation between "domestic" and "foreign".

It is that while the United States economy is booming and its leaders are determined, according to administration officials, to use the summit to pro-ject "with pride" the success of what they call the American economic model, election results in Britain and France, as well as the public mood in Germany, show that this model may not be eas-

ily replicated elsewhere. The US may have historically low unemployment, low interest rates, a declining budget deficit, steady economic growth and a rising stock market, but the labour "flexibility" and relatively low pay that have bought these benefits remain politically unacceptable in many other countries. So even though the Americans go to Denver preening themselves that they have turned the tables on those who once lectured them about the evils of budget deficits and a toocheap dollar, any return lectures are likely to receive a stonier reception than US representatives appear to expect.

The addition of Russia as an almost full participant this year

is a further complication. This was a diplomatic gesture strong-ly supported by Washington as psychological boost for Moscow as it negotiated the inevitahle decision to enlarge Nato. Politely accepted by the old G7, Russia's participation has none the less been accompanied by

much sniping about Russia's qualifications for membership of the top countries' club. If Russia, why not India, China, Brazil, South Africa?

Partly because of Russia's participation, and partly because of the issues on the agenda, this year's summit is seen as stability and what to do about Third World debt and development - will be far less in evidence than before. Concerns have shifted.

One discussion will focus on

more political than economic.

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populations (a problem faced by several, but not all G7 countries). Another will consider the future of Hong Kong - with a strong statement anticipated about the need for China to re-

spect Hong Kong's freedoms.

There may be discussion of demography and the public spending implications of ageing the single European currency but not to the point, as US officials stressed, where third countries would appear to be interfering. And - in a session where Bill Clinton and Tony Blair are expected to embody the new "special relationship"

sealed in London - the "Summit of the Eight" will promote the idea of employability, the neat compromise that newstyle left-of-centre governments. have settled on as a chance to. reduce welfare spending, cut unemployment and create jobs. without appearing heartless.

## Yeltsin savours prize of seat at the top table

Moscow - To others, it may look like winning the wooden spoon, a compensation prize giv-en to the loser of a contest that was always unequal. But Boris Yeltsin seems certain to take his place at the summit of the leading industrialised nations with uine diplomatic triumph.

The Russian president has long coveted a meaningful place alongside the planet's heavyweights in G7, and today he will realise that amhition as part of a trade-off for reluctantly ac-cepting the first wave of Nato expansion on to the territory of the former Warsaw Pact.

For him, the gathering is a chance to remind the world that, though it is down - and may yet have further to fall - Russia is not out. Its economy is in ruins, and its army in tatters, but Moscow still sees itself as an influential global player, worthy



Borls Yeltsin: Chance to indulge in flight of fancy

of a place at the table alongside the likes of Japan, Germany and the United States. The three-day summit, in

Denver, Colorado, is also an op-portunity for Mr Yelisin to ad-vance Russia's case for the next kick-back flowing from Nato's expansionist ambitions - membership of the World Trade Organisation and the Paris Club of creditors, a body which Moscow hopes will reinforce its efforts to recoup billions of dollars owed to the former Soviet Union.

The landscape has changed since the G7 gathered last July in Lyons, France. Mr Yeltsin had just had a heart attack, and was too sick to attend in person, sending his Prime Minister, Victor Chernomyrdin. Although the 21-month war was winding down, the blood of some 80,000 victims was still fresh on the soil of Chechnya. The Kremlin was bracing for a battle with an uncompromising Nato over its plans to move on to soil that used to be Russian stamping ground.

Since then, relations with

Phil Reeves looks ahead to the 'Boris plus seven show' and what it means for Moscow

Yeltsin made an almost miraculous recovery from heart surgery and double pneumonia. and decided to nail his colours to the masts of two economic reformers - Boris Nemtsov and Anatoly Chubais.

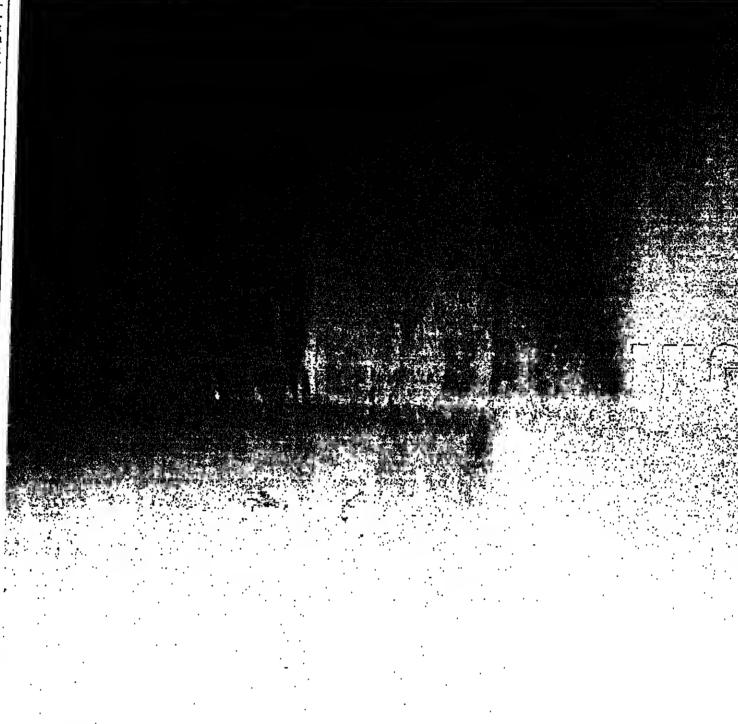
Under their influence, the president has drawn in the country's horns, by adopting a generally softer approach to for-eign policy in order to concentrate on the country's domestic crisis. In the last few months alone, Russia has recognised the borders of the Ukraine, watered down a union with the dictatorially-run Belarus, and signed a

peace treaty with the Chechens. The shadow of the now wasting bear still hangs menacingly over her neighbours, especially in the Baltics. But the anti-Western mood of last year has eased. There are signs that Russia at last acknowledges that it has lost its bullying rights, and that the great power era is

This weekend's events - renamed "the Group of Eight" by Bill Clinton in Russia's honour - offers Mr Yeltsin the chance to indulge in a small flight of fantasy. He will have access to all but one 90-minute session of the talks, which will range across a variety of subjects. The Japanese have made clear that they intend to beard the Russian president over the Kurile Isles. And when the summit ends, the final communique will begin with the words. we, eight industrialised democracies of the world".

The Russians are delighted by this, and seemed undaunted by the fact that it is extremely doubtful whether this description can accurately be applied to their nation, which has seen its GNP shrivel to almost half its former size in five years.

Last night, after giving a cheerful television interview, Mr Yeltsin flew out of Moscow after publicly congratulating himself on a partial victory in his effort to persuade his parliament to introduce a tax code. His arrival in Denver early today will be another sign that Russia knows that it must integrate further into the global economic system, if it is to solve its larger economic problems. And, for that reason alone, the applause will he genuinely heartfelt when the lights go up the West have warmed. Mr on the Boris Plus Seven Show.

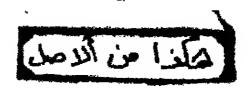


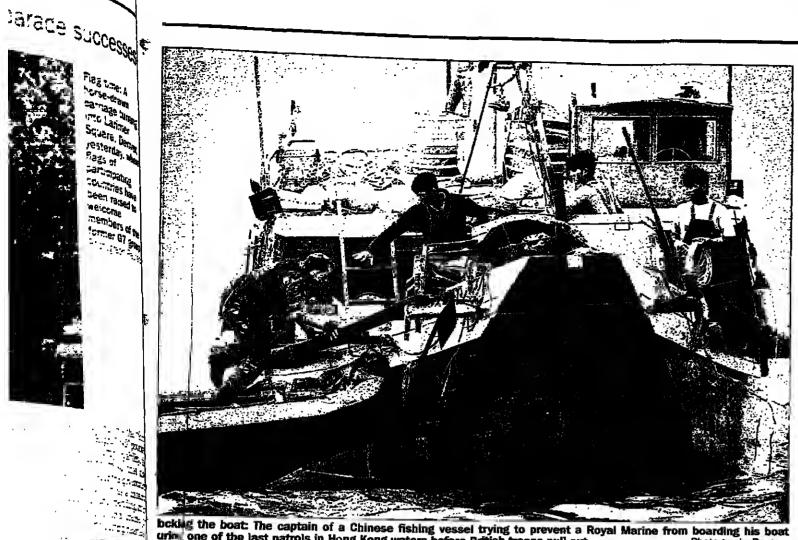
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## Long-suffering Patten is praised at the death

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

British colonialism and Chris Patten, the last Governor of Hong Kong, were showered with praise from a totally unexpected quarter yesterday, a few days before the end of British rule. Isang Yok-shing, the leader of the colony's biggest pro-Peking political par-ty, told a surprised group of reporters that he was in danger of being politically incorrect for

saying too much in praise of the British Government". Meanwhile the subject of his praise, Mr Patten, was holding his last question-and-answer session with legislators, most of whom have spent the past five years criticising him, but who esterday "banged him out" banging appreciatively on their desks as he left the chamber. Clearly moved by the warm atmosphere, Mr Patten told

Photograph: Reuters

the legislators that he had "been impressed by the way in which the political dialogue in Hong Kong is conducted with moderation and responsibility and more generosity of spirit" than he had witnessed elsewhere.

Asked what he would have done had he been Prime Minister, Mr Patten, a former Conservative Party chairman, said. "I think, as things have turned out, I'd have appointed myself Governor of Hong Kong". While Mr Patten was ad-

dressing the legislators, Mr Isang was saying, "I have no reservation about feeling thank-ful for many of the things the colonial government has done". This is no small tribute from

someone whose brother and sister were arrested by the colonial authorities for distributing seditious literature to their school mates in the late Sixties.

Mr Tsang, one of the colony's most prominent leftists, has der Special Branch surveillance. Listing the achievements of

the colonial regime, Mr Tsang said it had produced a 'very efficient and relatively corruptionfree civil service", and had achieved much in terms of education, the environment and housing "Many Hong Kong people", he said, "feel thankful for the British Government when they look at the situation in Macau", which is under Por-

tuguese administration. Mr Tsang even had kind words for Mr Patten who, he said, had made the civil service more open and accountable. Nevertheless he accused the Governor of "being at least partially responsible for some of the most tricky problems we have seen in the past years".

This criticism is mild compared to the characterisation of Mr Patten as "a whore", and "a criminal through history" standard fare for Chinese offieials and their supporters in Hong Kong. However, as his days are numbered, there have been some signs that a more be-

nign view is being taken. Earlier in the week, Zhou Nan (whom Mr Patten privately calls Joe Stalin), the head of the New China News Agency (NCNA), China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong, and an implacable foe of the Governor, said that he did not hold Mr Patten personally to blame for recent Sino-British conflicts. He stated that the Conservative government as a whole was responsible for changing British policy and putting it on a course of confrontation.

A small attempt at reviving anti-Patten acrimony was made in the legislature's chamber when Ip Kwok-him, a member of Mr Tsang's party, asked the Governor whether he was "ashamed of what you have done". Mr Ip told him that he had "some achievements, but that did nor make up for the difficulties you have caused Hong Kong".

Reminding legislators that the Governor is often a bruiser at heart, Mr Patten laid into Mr Ip, whom he accused of getting into his stride for next year's elec-tion, and sarcastically assured him that even if he could not win, the new regime would find a seat for him under new arrangements which are allegedly "ad-

vancing the cause of democracy". Meanwhile Mr Tsang indirectly confirmed a remarkable statement by Wong Man-fong, a up the post on 1 July.

former NCNA official, who recently told an academic seminar that the Chinese government was lobbied by leftists in Hong Kong in the Seventies; they did not want China to resume sovereignty over the colony. Mr Tsang said he was a small potato in leftist circles at this time so was not a more than the colony. was not aware of any lobbying.

However, when China announced that it would resume sovereignty, in 1981, "we thought it was a nonsense", said Mr Tsang. They believed that Hong Kong was of more value to China as it was and therefore could not understand why Peking wanted to change the status quo.



'If I'd been Prime Minister I'd have appointed myself Governor of Hong Kong' **Chris Patten** 

The tenor of Mr Tsang's remarks are in marked contrast to those of China's recently acquired allies who were once pillars of the colonial establishment, The converts, who were supporting the colonial regime while Mr Tsang was fighting it, are scared about making the smallest suggestion that Britain contributed to Hong Kong's success. ■ (AP) — Francis Cornish, a career diplomat, will be Britain's first consul-general in Hong Kong after it reverts to Chinese rule at midnight on 30 June, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Mr Cornish, 55, who has been senior trade commissioner in the colony since 1993, will take

## Indian front runner looks untouchable

New Delhi - The other can-didates for the Indian presidency include a 36-year-old alleged lawyer, whose 50 signatures of proposers and sec-onders were all forgeries, and the first member of Mahatma Gandhi's family (as opposed to the Nehrus, confusingly also called Gandhi) to seek office since the Mahatma's death.

But the winner of next month's election seems a foregone conclusion, because KR Narayanan has won the en-dorsement both of the ruling United Front and the Congress Party. If he wins, this former diplomat and graduate of the LSE will become the first member of a "scheduled caste" the first Untouchable - to hold India's highest office in the nation's 50-year history. Kocheril Raman Naray-

anan's career is a demonstration both of how India's caste barriers can be transcended, but also of the powerful grip they still retain on Hindu thought. Raised in the state of Kerala in the far south, Narayan is a Paravan, a lowly group whose tra-ditional vocation was picking coconuts. Both his father and grandfather were ayurvedic doctors in the region, administering natural remedies for very little money. As a child he was forbidden even to walk past the houses of high-caste villagers, as even today his brethren are banned from entering temples or using the high castes' wells. Narayanan himself, though

graduating top of his year at uni-versity, was offered nothing more flattering than the post of college clerk. A beaming, mild-mannered character, with the looks of an Indian Betty Boothroyd, he survived this rebuff and after a spell in journalism gained a scholarship to the LSE Armed not only with a degree in economics but also with a letter of recommendation from Harold Laski to Nehru, he was speedi-

Caste system cracked but not broken - Peter Popham on the presidential race

ly inducted into the diplomatic service, and has travelled the

world as envoy and ambassador. Delhi's press is saturated with tales of political corruption. among which the news of Narayanan's candidacy surfaced with lotus-like purity. Mr Narayanan "has everything that the high office demands," said the Hindustani Times, in a typical comment, "...high personal integrity, dignity, scholarship and grace." But such a description would also apply to the in-cumbent, SD Sharma, a freedom fighter before independence and a Cambridge law graduate, who has exercised considerable shrewdness and wisdom during his five-year term.

Somehow the office of President, tainted during the Gandhis' years (1966 to 1989) when successive presidents bowed the knee to the Prime Minister, has managed to claw back its original esteem, its claim to being "keeper of the nation's con-

Some cynics here profess themselves disgusted by the politically-correct complexion of Mr Narayanan's candidacy By condescendingly ... choosing him," furned the Indian Express, "they pretend to have upheld the social conscience\_of

the nation." As compensation for cen-turies of dire injustice, one presidency doesn't amount to much. But if Mr Narayanan can build on the acclaim with which his candidacy has been greeted and go on to do something about the stink arising from Indian politics, his nation will be



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## Ernest Bettenson

Nature probably intended Ernest Bettenson to be a civil servant but, as he himself put it, the Commissioners felt otherwise and, as he had vague academic ambitions, university adminis-

tration was a fair compromise. He came to it in 1947 as Assistant Registrar in charge of the Newcastle office of the federal University of Durham. When. 29 years later, be retired, be had been the last Registrar of the federal university, the last Registrar and Secretary of King's College and the first Registrar of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, a combination of first

and last appointments which is unlikely to be paralleled. The origins of Newcastle University go back to 1834 with the establishment of a medical school, which, 18 years later, became the Medical School of Durham University, and in 1870 took the title of College of Medicine. The College of Physical Science (later Armstrong College), also in Newcastle, was founded in 1871. These two independent colleges formed part of Durham University and in 1908 were formally recognised as the Newcastle Division of the university; the Durham colleges formally comprising the "Durham Division". A reconsultation in 1937 merged the two colleges of the "New-castle Division" into King's College. The continued growth of both divisions after 1945 led in 1963 to the dissolution of the federal University of Durham,

and to the two divisions' becoming free-standing universiues. Bettenson was inumately involved in this process. The son of an Anglican priest, he was born in 1911. After a purely literary education at St John's School, Leatherhead, and at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he read History, he endured two spells of

unemployment and spent a

year training for the Cambridge

Certificate of Education he-

fore entering local government, His work in the Public Assistance Department of Surrey County Council and then in the wartime Ministry of Supply as a civil servant gave him an unusually varied administrative experience in which he gained a reputation for avoiding interdepartmental jealousies and for always seeking the cooperation of all the parties

interested in a problem. His first assignment after being appointed to Durham University in 1947 was to the Newcastle office. He was soon a feature of the university landscape at Newcastle and, to a lesser extent, at Durham. He regarded himself in relation to his for others he was impartial in academic colleagues somewhat his official capacity. Although should recard ministers or Members of Par- opments in university adminisliament. The analogy is not ex- transon be tried to work each

duty to advise and caution and intepreted it liberally. He showed skill in summarising the decisions of committees and it became accepted that his

interventions as an interested onlooker were worth attention. Beltenson was appointed Registrar of the federal university in 1952, by which time cracks were appearing in the constitutional fabric as the two divisions expanded. With the Vice-Chancellors being almost wholly absorbed by their dividuties, the Registrar Sional tended to be the only visible sign of the university's separate existence, exercising, as Bettenson

himself saw it, responsibility without power. He was appointed Registrar and Secretary of King's College in 1961 and Registrar of the newly constituted University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1963. In the 1961-63 period, therefore, he was engaged in the three simultaneous activities of closing down the federal University of Durham, keeping the existing processes of King's College going, and arranging the new machinery for Newcastle Uni-



Bettenson: impish

obtaining the necessary legisla-tion and was proud of his part in the preparation of the university's statutes, which have withstood the test of time and continue to serve the university well.

Bettenson became something of an institution at Newcastle. He combined application to the job with a gift for expressing himself in a way that enlivened business. He spent long hours in his office, he lunched in the Senior Common Room, he talked shop incessantly and though he never took papers home he was really never off duty. He considered that only a habit of omnivorous reading prevented him from becoming

excessively narrow in his interests. Colleagues remember him as an accessible person, and while Bettenson had a higher regard for some of his colleagues than in his own words, to clothe it in dignified grammatical language. He held there was no substitute for reasonable men, defined by him as people who shared or

understood his point of view. During the Vice-Chancellorship of Dr Henry Miller, in 1968-76, the university was entertained by the cheerful clash between two different temperaments in a relationship based on mutual disapproval, respect and affection. Bettenson's amusing, affectionate and discerning contribution to Remembering Henry (the published reminiscences of Henry Miller, 1977) is a wonderful ex-

ample of Bettensonian writing and hears repeated reading.
He enjoyed writing his "historical introduction" The University of Newcastle upon Tyne
. . . 1834-1971, published in
1971, and delivering in that

year the two excellent lectures to mark the centenary of the founding of the College of Physical Science at Newcastle.

In his official life Bettenson was unrepentantly a mixture of contradictions, all solemnity on some occasions and impish informality on others. Much of what he said was reinforced with quotations, literary allusions and illustrative stories or par allels from history. The Bible was an essential tool for staff in

the Registrar's Office.

Bettenson retired in 1976 and the following year the university conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law for which he had refused his name to go forward while in office. In retirement he cultivated his garden with some success, remained an active rambler and environmentalist. and kept in close touch with the university, working on its archives and making his historical services readily available. In 1987 he published The University of Newcastle upon Tyne After 1970 - a Selective View, covering the years 1970-86.

An achievement of which Bettenson was especially proud was the production, also in 1987, of "1937: The Great Divide", an account of the events leading up to the reconstitution of Durham University and the formation of King's College in 1937. He regarded this account (published in the Durham Unirersity Journal) as a genuine footnote, however small, to the study of history.

Ernest Marsdon Bettenson, university administrator: born Bolton, Lancashire 29 March 1911: Assistant Registrar, Durham University 1947-52, Registrar 1953-61: Registrar and Secretars, King's College, Durham 1961-63; Registrar Newcools

D. E. T. Nicholson



Walter Gotell

gineering companies) and, in

later years, farming. In John Huston's fine film

version of C.S. Forester's The

African Queen (1951), Gotell

who briefly capture Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hep-

burn near the film's climax.

Subsequent Nazi roles includ-

ed Ice-Cold in Alex (1958), Sink

the Bismarck! (1960, as an offi-cer on the ill-fated battleship),

The Giuns of Navarone (1961),

and a particularly chilling por-

trayal of ruthlessness in The

Boys From Brazil (1978). In

this last bizarre tale of Hitler

clones, he was Mundt, an as-

sassin despatched by Joseph Mengele (Gregory Peck) to kill the lather of one of the clones.

Recognising the victim (Wolf-

gang Preiss) as an old comrade

from his days in the SS, he tells

the mun that he has a difficult as-

signment but lies about the iden-

uty of his intended victim. When

his friend assures him that orders

must be obeyed, he hurls the man

As Morzeny, henchman of

the memorable villainess Rosa

Klebb (Lotte Lenya) in the second and most distinguished

James Bond film, From Russia

With Love (1963), it was Gotell

who, in the opening "teaser" se-quence in which Bond (Sean

Lev Kopelev

over a snow-covered dam.

A familiar figure of authority or menace in over 90 films and countless television shows, Walter Gotell was one of those reliable character players whose faces are well known but whose names are familiar to only a few. His halding, severe countenance made him the perfect KGB chief in several James Bond adventures, and in war films his crooked smile could quickly become a cruel sneer

when he portrayed a Nazi.

Born in 1924, he went in 1943 straight from acting with a reportory company into films, which were suffering from a dearth of young actors due to the Second World War. His first films all deak with the war - The Day Will Dawn, We Dive at Dawn, Tomorrow He Live. Night Invader (all 1943) and 2,000 Romen (1944). Deciding to pursue a more secure husiness career, he gave up acting for several years. A man of strong intellect the spoke five languages), he was an astute and successful husinessman, but in 1950 returned to the screen with small roles in The Wooden Horse (a rare sympathetic, if enigmatic, role as a member of the

He was to work steadily for University 1963-76 (Emerius): combining acting with business Connery) is apparently assassi- 15 March 1924; twice married pecame husi- nated, peels off the dead man's (two daughters); died 5 May Debatisse: charismatic act, but he thought he had a scheme as it came forward and. Newcastle upon Tine 3 May 1997. I ness manager of a group of en-mask to reveal that it was more-

French resistance), Cairo Road

and Albert RN.

ly a double being used in a lethal training exercise for a Spectre

In the first Bond film to star Roger Moore, The Spy Who Loved Me (1977), Gotell had a more prominent role as the KGB chief General Gogol, a role he continued to play in other Bond films, including Moon-raker (1979), For Your Eyes Only (1981), Octopussy (1983), A View to a Kill (1985) and the first Bond to star Timothy Dalton. The Living Daylights (1987).
Gotell's prolific television

work included the recurring role of Chief Constable Cullen in the popular BBC crime series Softh, Softh: Task Force, which ran for 131 episodes from 1970 to 1976. He was also featured in the mini-series The Scarlet and the Black (1983), in which Gregory Peck played his first dramatic role on television as a real-life Vatican official who aided escaped prisoners of war

the fantasy Wings of Fame (1990) with Peter O Toole and Colin Firth, and the hit comedy The Pope Must Die (1991). In recent years he had devoted more time to his farm in Ireland.

Tom Vallance

Debatisse recounted in his book Le Projet Paysan (1983), the General explained that everything was lost; the internal and external enemies of France had joined forces and that there was nothing he could do. Debatisse claims that he told de Gaulle that he was wrong, the country looked to him: only he could save France from this disaster. As he left he urged de Gaulle to act,

was at its height. François Mit-

terrand was proclaiming himself

head of a provisional govern-

demonstration which would

culminate in a rally in the neigh-

bourhood of the Elysée. But

Debatisse did not hesitate to

present himself at the time

For more than an hour, as

requested.

to speak to the nation. The General put his hand on Debatisse's shoulder and said, "Eh, bien! Debatisse, je parlerai."
What the General said was much the same as he was to say to General Massu, in his mysterious flight to Baden-Baden the next day. But why did he choose to use this language to Debatisse? One answer is that, at this time of crisis, de Gaulle wished to avoid the politicians who surrounded him and wished to contact the profound forces

the traditional backbone of the country. Hence Debatisse. Michel Debatisse, who died in Palladuc, the small village in the Auvergne where he was born, was an unusually fine representative of the peasantry. He was born in rural poverty. one of seven children in a small farm. It was a coincidence that in the same year, 1929, the Jeunesse Agricole Catholique was founded on the initiative of the Jesuits, What was original-

ly a movement with an evan-

gelical intention became a

of France. In his eyes this meant

the army (hence his meeting with

Massu). And also the peasant.

In Nazi-occupied Rome. Gotell's last films included

Michel Debatisse movement for the reform of agriculture. As one of its lead-On 27 May 1968, the agricul-tural trade union leader Michel ers put it, charity must become technical. It was as a young mil-Debatisse was in the depths of itant in this movement that the French countryside when he Debatisse became prominent m received an urgent message French public life, eventually befrom the Elysée Palace. General coming the creator and the de Gaulle wished to see him the leader of the Centre National following afternoon at four o'clock. This was a puzzling indes Jeunes Agriculteurs and the President of the Fédération vitation because the 1968 crisis

Nationale des Syndicats des

Exploitants Agricoles. One always hears about revment and the Communist Party had planned a massive olutions in France and there is never agreement about whether they are or are not taking place. But one revolution that has tak-en place is the agricultural revolution and it was led by men such as Debatisse and first explained in public by him in his 1963 book La Revolution Silencieuse. One no longer talks about peasants, one talks about "agriculteurs". One was born a peasant but one has to learn how to be an agriculteur. From being the majority of the nauonal population and forming a world apart, as depicted in the works of Zola and Giono, those engaged in agriculture form only 6 per cent of the active cop-

ulation, but they are fully inte-grated in French political and

economic society.

Debatisse saw the importance of the Common Market for French agriculture and he was in close contact with Edgard Pisani, the minister responsible for negotiating the ommon Agricultural Policy in the 1960s. He was the only trade union leader to be regularly received by de Gaulle, and he exploited the Auvergae connection in order to remain close friends with Giscard d'Estaing. He hecame Secretary of State in the last government of his Presidency, being responsible for the agro-alimentary section of the economy to the prime minister Raymond Barre. He was also for a time a mem-

ber of the European Parliament Although he represented the modern stand in French agriculture, Debatisse was a master of the traditional methods of protestation, leading many demonstrations. He was the first to lead his followers to protest outside the Communist Buildings in Brussels, and he led the first massive demonstration against President Mitterrand in March 1982.

From 1989 to 1995 be was the director of the milk-producing co-operative Sodiaal and at the time of his final illness was assisting the minister of agriculture in the Juppé government to prepare a new law of agri-cultural orientation. He was a charismatic leader who early understood the necessity for change in rural France.

Douglas Johnson

Michel Debatisse trade unio born Palladuc, Puy-de-Dome, France I April 1929; died Palladuc II June 1997.



Kopelev: deported

While the latter years of the Soviet regime saw countless cases of former hardline Communists who reconstructed themselves as would-be former liberals, if not outright dissidents, Lev Kopelev belonged to the group whose dissident credentials could never be in doubt.

Born in Kiev in 1912, he was a fanatical Communist in his youth and an ardent participant in the collectivisation campaign of the late 1920s and early 1930s, when thousands of young Bolshevik activists roamed the villages to persuade, cajole and, if all else failed, with military force terrorise the peasants

collective farms.

He graduated from the Moscow Foreign Languages Institute as a specialist in Ger-man and during the Second World War served as a propaganda officer among German prisoners. Like many other intellectuals who erroneously believed that the end of the war signalled a relaxation of the regime's mind control, he uttered critical remarks about the harbarism of the Red Army in occupied Germany, and was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in the camps. In a KGB camp-within-a-camp reserved

chitect, 1824; Kurt Schwiners, artist

into pooling their resources in for scientists - a sharashka - he was feeling the pressure mountmet another future pillar of the Soviet dissident movement. Alexander Solzhenitsyn: later he served as the model for the char-acter of Rubin in Solzhenitsyn's 1969 novel The First Circle.

Kopeley was released in 1956 and as a labour of love took on the task of getting Solzhenitsvn's work published. In 1962 he showed the manuscript of One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisorich to Alexander Tvardovsky. editor-in-chief of the magazine Novy Mir and harbinger of change in cultural, if not gen-

ing from the reactionary Stalinist elements in the leadership and One Day served the purpose of reinforcing the policy of de-Stalinisation that he had launched in his famous "secret speech" of Fehruary 1956. If anything, its publication prohably had the opposite effect: while in the West this event was interpreted as a sign of liberalisation, inside the Soviet Union it only added to the already long list of "errors" that would be used against Khrusltchev when he was ousted in October 1964 eral, policy during the 1968s. It and the Brezhnev era of was at this time that Khrushchev retrenchment was ushered in.

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of Lords (Lord Goff of Chieveley.

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ployee could claim damages.

The House of Lords allowed

the appeal against the decision

of the Court of Appeal that the

appellants had no reasonable

cause of action against the

The appellants were both employed by BCC1 in London.

and lost their jobs when the bank collapsed in 1991. They

claimed damages in the wind-

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new jobs.

Kopeley, with his patriarchal white beard and rahhinical appearance, seems not to have taken an active interest in the movement for Jewish emigration which would snowball after 1970. hul in 1965 he signed a protest against the arrest and trial of the samizdat writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel, and was thereafter a prominent activist in the human rights movement. associated with such luminaries as Andrei Sakhanav, Pavel Litvinov. Alexander Ginzhurg and General Peter Grigorenko, as well as Solzhenitson hanselt. Expelled from the Party in 1968 for an article, published in

the West, (belatedly) warning of a resurgence of Stalinism, and for letters in support of Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, Kopclev hegan publishing articles and books, again in the West, on the horrors of collectivisation and the Gulag. In particular, his work on the camps, To Be Preserved Forever ("Veclino khranit", the stamp on every political prisoner's dossier), aroused considerable interest when it was published in the West in 1976. In 1977 he was expelled from the Union of Soviet Writers, which meant he could no longer publish inside the Soviet Union, and was thus also cut

off from all legal means of employment and sources of income. In November 1980 he and his wife, Raisa Orlova, a literary critic, were permitted to leave the Soviet Union, ostensibly so that he could contique scientific research in West Germany hut, since they were both stripped of their Soviet citizenship in 1981, they had effectively been deported from their native land.

Harry Shukman

Lev Zinovievich Kopelev, writer. horn Kiev 1912; married Raisa Orlava (died 1989); died Cologne 18 June 1997.

### Births. Marriages & Deaths

### BIRTHS

HOUSE: To Richard and Catherine, a son. Luca Thomas Eldridge, 13 June 1997. STORMER: On 17 June 1997, 10 Frances (nee Awdryl and Simon, a son, Fergus Alexander, a brother for Max and Rebecca.

### DEATHS

BOYCOTT-BROWN: On 12 June 1997, aged 75 years, Peggy Lesley, much-loved mother of Simon, Heron and Hughie, Funeral Service at Middle-ton Parish Church, Suffolk, on Tues-day 24 June at 11 am. Donations, made payabet to Alzhenner's Disease Society, c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, New Cut, Sammundham, Suffolk vice, New Cut, Sammindham, Suffolic, HUBBARD: Peacefully, at home, on 17 June 1997. Deborah Elaine, aged 34. Much-loved wife of Robin, devoted mother of Rory, daughter of Archie and Madge Campbell, and sister of Angela and Claire. Sorely missed by all, Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service at Shere Church, Surrey, on 12 July at noon. Family flowers only, Donarious to the Dr. M. Brada Re. Donations to the Dr M. Brada Re-search Fund may be sent to Sheriock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

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PAPPE: On 18 June, peacefully, in a
Hove musing home, Dr Vera, PhD,
aged 89 years. Dearly loved wife of
Helman. Private family cremation. All
enquries to Attree and Kent Funeral Directors of Hove, telephone
01273 821985.

### IN MEMORIAM

BROUGHTON: Sandy, Love and miss

Commissioner to Australia, 63; Professor Arthur Bell, former Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 71: Lord Brightman, former Judge of Appeal, 86; Dame Catherine Cookson, novelist, 91; Miss Wendy Craig, actress, 63; The Earl of Cranbrook, chairman. English Nature, 64: Brigadier Jill Field, former Director, Defence Nursing Services, 63: Mr Stephen Frears, film director, 56; Mr David French, former director, Relate, 50; Mr Ronald Hines, actor. 68: Mr Richard Hornby, former chairman, Halifax Building Society, 75; Mr Alan Lamh, cricketer, 43; Mr Scotte McClue, broadcaster, 4t; Mr Stanley Metcalfe, former chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 65; Sir David Mitchell, former MP, 69; Mr Johnny Morris, bradcaster, 81; Sir Antony Pilkington, former chairman, Pilkington plc, 62; Mr Paul Ramirez, tennis player, 44; Mr Lionel Richie, singer and songwriter, 48; Mr Budge Rogers, rugby player, 58; Professor Sir Richard Southwood, zoologist, and Pro Vice-Chancellor. Oxford University, 66; Mr John Taylor, musician, 37; Miss Claire Toma-lin, writer, 64; Sir Haydn Tudor Evans, former High Court judge, 77; The Right Rev John Waine, former

## Bishop of Chelmsford, 67; Mr Brian Wilson, musician, 56.

Anniversaries Births: John Cleveland, poet, bap-tised 1613: Anna Letitia Barbauld (Aikin), poetess, teacher and hymnwriter, 1743; Jacques Offenbach (Jakob Levy Eberst), composer, 1819: George Edmund Street, ar-

### Birthdays

and poet, 1867; Errol Flynn, actor, 1909. Deaths: Willem Barents, ex-The Duchess of Gloucester, 51: Professor William Balchin, geographer. 81: Sir Brian Barder, former High lorer, in the Arctic, 1597; Carl Friedrich Abel, viola player and composer, 1787; Jules-Alfred Huor de Goncourt, writer. 1870; Francis-co (Pancho) Villa (Doroteo Arango), South American revolutionary, assassinated 1923. On this day: the first municipal fire brigade in Britain was founded at Beverley, Yorkshire, 1726; 147 people were confined in the cell later called the Black Hole of Calcuna, from which only 23 came out alive, 1756; in France, a revolutionary mob invaded the Tuileries, 1792; on the death of her uncle, William IV. Queen Victoria ascended the throne, 1837; a new Tay Railway Bridge was opened for public traffic, 1887: greyhound racing was com-menced at the White City, London. 1927; the Battle of the Philippine Sea ended, 1944; the Soviet Union and the United States agreed to institute a "hot time" between the White House and the Kremfin, 1963; Sheila Scott arrived at London Airport after being the first Briton to make a round-the-world solo flight, 1966. Today is the Feast Day of St Adalbert of Magdeburg. St Bain or Bagnus. St Goban. Saints John Fenwick and John Gavan, St Silverius, Pope.

### Lectures

National Gattery: Rebecca Drew, "Moons (iii): Turner. 'The Fighting Temeraire' tugged to her Last Benth to be broken up", 1pm.
Victoria and Albert Museum: Francis Pugh, "British Design Between the Wars", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah O'Brien Twohig.

Ellsworth Kelly: intuition, sensual-

ity and abstract Classicism". 1pm.

### Luncheons

Ministry of Defence Mr George Robertson MP. Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a lunchron held yesterday in Lan-caster House, London SW1, in ho-nour of General George Joulwan, Nato Supreme Allied Commander

### Receptions

Board of Deputies of British Jews The Board of Deputies of British lews held a farewell reception yes terday at Commonwealth House London WCI, in honour of Arch hishop Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio, Mr Aubrey Rose, Vice-President of the Board, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg were the speakers.

### Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following, Sabbath begins in London at 9.07pm.

United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263, Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663, Reform Synagogues of Great British: 0181-349 4731, Spanish and Portugues Leav Compromise: 0171-348 toguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Ma-sortit: 0171-328 1926.

### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Royal takes the value at the Firm Day Parade at Queen Valuria School, Dushbara

Changing of the Guard The Hunschild Cardin Mounted Regiment maintain the Queen visit Guard at Horse Guarde, Hann, Namepert Compan, Garcader, Guarde mounts the Union's Guard, at Backingham Palace, I Wann, burd povoded by the Coherents Guarde

## BCCI employees could claim for stigma loss

### 20 June 1997

Stafford (Alumches & 1 or for the appellams: Patrick I has QC and

Christopher Jesus (Lovell White Durantt for the respondents. Lord Nichotls said that it had Where an employer was in been assumed for the purpose breach of the implied trust of the preliminary issue that the tract of employment, and as a bank had operated in a corrupt and dishonest manner, that consequence an employee's future employment prospects were adversely affected, the em-

the appellants were innocent of any involvement, that following the collapse of BCCl its corruption and dishonesty had become widely known, that in consequence the appellants had been handicapped in the labour market because they had heen stigmatised by reason of their previous employment by BCCl, and that they had

suffered loss in consequence. It was also agreed that the appellants' contracts of employment each contained an implied term to the effect that the bank would not, without reasonable and proper cause, conduct itself in a manner likely to destroy or seriously damage the relationship of confidence and trust be-

disclosed a reasonable cause of tweet employer and employee. action or sustainable claim for An employee who only learnt damages, was directed. of the trust destroying conduct Eldred Tabachank QC and Andrew after the employment contract

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had ended for other reasons ought to be entitled to damages. The losses suffered might, exceptionally, not be confined to loss of pay and other premature termination losses.

The crucial point in the present appeals was whether continuing financial losses were recoverable for breach of the trust and confidence term. If it was reasonably foreseeable. then in principle damages in respect of the loss should be recoverable.

The contrary argument was that, since the purpose of the trust and confidence term was to preserve the employment relationship, the losses recoverable for breach should be confined to those flowing from the premature termination of the relationship. That was an unacceptably narrow evaluation of the trust and confidence term.

That approach brought one face to face with the decision in the wrongful dismissal case of Addis v Grunophone Co Ltd. [1909] AC 488, which was generally regarded as having decided that any loss suffered by the adverse impact on the emplayer's chances of obtaining alternative employment was to be excluded from an assessment of damages for wrongful dismissal.

The observations made in Addis v Gramophone Co Ltd could not be read as precluding the recovery of damages where the manner of dismissal involved a breach of the trust and confidence term, and that caused financial loss. The case was decided in the days before that implied term had been adumbrated. Now that the term existed and was normally implied in every contract of em-ployment, damages for its breach should be assessed in accordance with ordinary

contractual principles. It had been submitted that that appellants' claims for damages to their existing reputations were barred by the decision in Withers v General Theatre Corporation Ltd [1933] 2 KB 536, but there was a conflict between that case and Murbe v George Edwardes (Daly's Theatre) Ltd [1928] 1 KB 269. Marbe was to be preferred, as the views expressed in that case accorded better

with principle. The appeals would be allowed. The agreed set of facts disclosed a good cause of action.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

## the leader page

## Hague's big challenge – unity and, er, ideas

the case for William Hague was easier to set out at the start of the Conservative leadership election than at the end of it. Although this newspaper's sympathies leant towards Kenneth Clarke, it was possible to give Mr Hague the benefit of the doubt. There was an uncertainty in his manner and a nagging question of what he stood for, but it could be imagined that these would be overcome as he grew in confidence. He seemed intelligent, relatively open-minded and, above all, he appeared to recognise the scale of the challenge presented by New Labour. It was Mr Hague who wrote an article in the Spectator which would not have looked out of place in the New Statesman under a Tony Blair byline, circa 1994. Mr Hague's youth alone cast him more convincingly than Mr Clarke as the man to modernise the Tory party.

That, then, was the case for Mr Hague some weeks ago. But he did not have a smooth leadership campaign. The election tested him and found out some of his weaknesses. His spatchcocked deal with Michael Howard at the start could have been passed off either as evidence of an attractive modesty or as an impressively subtle feint. But then a series of mistakes, particularly in his handling of the European issue - the only policy issue of the campaign - betrayed an uncertain pair of hands and conveyed a muddled message. The Thatcher endorsement

was a disaster. This staged event was deemed necessary by the public relations advisers as a response to the Clarke-Redwood "instability pact", but the judgement was faulty. To have the candidate of the "fresh start" endorsed hy the Undead Baroness, still keening for a seven-year-old betrayal unavenged, made no sense. It means Mr Hague's leadership is in bock to the past, because Lady Thatcher and her dwindling hand of torch-carriers will always be able to claim that it was she who pushed him over the finishing line. He managed to start as the unity candidate and ended as the candidate of division, with nearly half of his colleagues feeling excluded.

In spite of the unexpectedly large

margin of Mr Hague's victory, the outcome does not seem decisive. Mr Hague has not yet won the confidence of the party in the country (let alone that of the wider electorate). He will be overshadowed in the Commons by the sulking beasts of the backbenches, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. And the only force that will keep many Tory MPs in the party at all will be the prospect of another leadership election on a different franchise. Paradoxically, it was John Redwood who declared (before his Faustian pact with Mr Clarke): "The only way to end the Conservative civil war is to settle which side has won." Well, Euroscepticism has won, but it will not end the civil war. Most likely there



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will be another leadership election, in which party members will probably have a say on the basis of one member, one vote, like the Labour Party. That election may not resolve anything unless other strong candidates have come into Parliament in the meantime - Portillo, perhaps, or Patten?

Yesterday's vote told us little about how the party will deal with the historic defeat it suffered on I May. Will it respond, as Lahour did in 1979, when it suffered a much lesser defeat, by intensifying its internal struggle? Or will it copy Labour's response to the catastrophic defeat of 1983, which saw

the start of a 14-year Long March back to connecting with the people. Yesterday, it was as if Tory MPs saw the dangers of voting for the equivalent of a joint ticket of Roy Hattersley and Tony Benn. But they voted for an unknown quantity instead.

The challenge facing the Tory party is to modernise its ideology and organisation. It needs a revolution if anything more dramatic than that achieved by Mr Blair with the Labour Party if it is to have any chance of competing on equal terms at the next election. Mr Hague will no doubt make a quick start on establishing central control of presentation and candidate selection. He may even be able to build some bridges to the One Nation wing of the party a tougher task, that. But there is a hig hole where the ideas should be that will reconnect the party with the voters.

Of course, the question of the Tory party's future seems distantly irrelevant in the face of a dynamic new Labour government which has much to do and 10 or 15 years in which to do it. But strength of opposition matters to democracy. This is not a pious argument dreamt up to justify coverage of the Tory drama. For now, of course, Mr Blair can do no wrong (although we have our doubts about the Millennium Dome) and the main role for the Tory party is to provide an entertaining sideshow. But there will come a time when New Labour's authoritarian streak will demand to be challenged.

This newspaper argued that Mr Clarke would be better placed not just to stand up to Mr Blair but to rebuild the party as a broad-based political force. Above all, our argument rested on the assumption that, if the Tory party drives itself into an isolationist position on the European question, it will split and put itself out of range of the real con-

cerns of British politics for a long time. The real issues that face politicians in the next decade are those of preserving social cohesion in the face of global economic pressures, technological change and environmental

degradation. The Labour government has placed itself across the full breadth of voters' concerns on these issues, while the Conservatives have next to nothing to say. Mr Hague has probahly about a year in which to establish his authority, by developing a convincing plot for the party's recovery. He started on a good note last night. with a generous appeal for inclusive politics within his party. Wish him well, for the sake of a healthy democracy but wait and see hefore deciding whether he can pull it off.

### A Noddy in the wrong direction

The Enid Blyton rehabilitation proceeds apace. Rumour has it that her books are even stocked in public libraries again. And we report today that the Toytown One - aka Noddy - has finally been exonerated of all charges of racism, sexism and incitement to violence. According to an analysis by a New Zealand mathematician, very little crime in Toytown is committed by golliwogs, and Tessie Bear is a fine role-model for girls. Of course, this analysis would be conducted by a mathematician. No one with any feeling for language could overlook the fact that Noddy and Big Ears stories are feeble and worthless.

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### IRA plan to trump the Orange card

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Sir: I welcome the view expressed in your leading article today "The political challenge of another Irish outrage" (18 June) that efforts should be made in due course to persevere with the "conversation over Northern Ireland's future". Peaceful negonation is the only sure way forward.

Before we reach that point however there are clearly obstacles to he overcome - not least that posed by the recent IRA killings. These have provoked widespread Without seeking to justify them I think however that a cruel logic consistent with Northern Ireland's hrutal political traditions can be detected.

The killings were a deliberate provocation designed to bring about a yet more confrontational rerun of Drumcree last year. The IRA, in my view, want to see how this government will react to a concerted show of Unionist force. Will it cave in or will it uphold the rule of law?

I believe the IRA perceive Northern Ireland to be built ultimately on the threat of generalised Unionist violence, a threat repeated at crucial times in its history - 1913, 1922, 1974, 1996. This is what is meant by the Orange

The IRA want to know whether something has now been put together that can trump that card. They must reason that this is the essential question and that until it has been put and answered clearly no meaningful progress can be made. That is why they are willing to sacrifice Sinn Fem's position at the negotiating table, at least for now. They will have anticipated the hreaking-off of contact between Sinn Fein and the British government and accepted it as a

price worth paying.
This government has not really put a foot wrong over Northern Ireland. They succeeded in putting the ball in the court of the IRA. The IRA have now taken a decision to return it by setting the

government a test.

Abject though the circumstances are, the clarity with which these "messages" can be discerned is nevertheless to be welcomed. It is a very hard game that the IRA are playing. But that is the nature of politics in the province, or at least it

The IRA calculate that they can start the famous peace-train any time they like and that the British government will not be in a position to react to the indignity of being put through hoops by permanently excluding them.

It is a strategy of mayhem, hut it is a strategy. NICK MARTIN-CLARK London WC1

Sir: Perhaps Dr Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, could seek advice from Nelson Mandela, who faced a similar problem to that posed by Drumcree.

In his case, it was the Zulus who insisted on asserting their ancient tribalism by parading through the streets wearing fur hats and carrying clubs and spears, regardless of the risk of violence

In Drumcree, although it's bowler hats, hrollies and cloth and death. horse-collars, the attitudes and risks are the same. LEONARD PRIDE

Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire



### Urban louts, rural hunters

Sir: Is Polly Toynbee ("Labour should go to earth on fox-hunting".

16 June) seriously putting forward the argument that because methods of food production (animal farming) are so horrendous it is hypocritical to abhor other inhumane practices? f think the telling phrase in her article is They [fox-hunters] are people out enjoying themselves."
I have yet to hear an inhumane

farmworker, transporter or slaughterer admit to this. "Animal sentimentalists" are already aware that many hound pups are "surplus to requirement" each season and that hounds have fulfiled their useful purposes to the hunts well in advance of their normal lifespan, at which point they are dispatched, often in the most barbaric fashion.

If Ms Toynbee imagines that racehorses are found cosy barracks in hunt quarters I suggest that she speaks to one of the many equinc charities, who will confirm that thousands of racehorses each year are sent off to abattoirs or to end their days in wretched riding establishments.

Inhumanity exists in all classes. The difference is that if a group of louts from an inner-city housing estate buots down, terrifies, and tortures an animal to death they are roundly condemned. If a group of "countryfolk" form a group and call themselves "a hunt" some gullible souls will accept their behaviour as traditional and romantic and therefore quite acceptable. That is the only respect in which this is a class issue. ANNA FARLOW London NW22

Sir: As Polly Toynbee has pointed out, the most powerful argument in defence of hunting is human freedom. The rejection by Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs of any Bill to ban hunting will be a means of forging a left/right consensus ou

human rights.

Many supporters of country sports on the right are not sympathetic to abortion and gay rights, and are suspicious of press freedom. A decision by Parliament not to interfere in the rights of hunting people will be an important lesson to right-wingers that minority rights are as important to them as to homosexuals and women with unwanted pregnancies. Parliament has no husiness legislating on such a matter. P E SHIRLEY London W6

Sir: Why so mealy-mouthed? A ban on fox-hunting will not merely deprive the hound pictured on your front page (17 June) of his livelihood, but of his life. There will be no place for the 60,000-odd hounds that make up the packs of England. They will not find cosy homes in someone's house; they are pack animals, trained over centuries for one purpose: to follow and kill as quickly as possible (vastly quicker than a snare, or a shotgun wielded by a lousy shot) an animal which does much harm and httle good to the countryside, however

nchanting it may be as a cub. The hounds cannot become pets. They will all be killed. Imagine how. CORNELIA STARKS Donnington, Gloucestershire

### Love conquers religious divide

Sir: Twenty-two years ago I faced a similar dilemma to Danni and Larry ("At the crossroads where races collide", 18 June). I, a white Jewess, fell in love with an Asian Muslim. Initial family opposition was overcome, but harder to overcome was my own religious and cultural conditioning, which had never prepared me for such a challenge.

We married after much soulsearching, knowing that to do so might hurt those close to us. Our marriage, 22 years later, is still going strong. My in-laws treat me as a daughter and my own parents, while they were alive, grew to love my husband deeply. We have two healthy and balanced teenage sons. Like any married couple, we have had to make compromises, but we have always respected and supported each other's identity. My husband joins in with many of my traditions and I support him in his Observance. I still see myself as a

Jew, and my husband as a Muslim. There are many rituals I practice and many I don't, but I don't feel that this would necessarily have been different if I had married another Jew. Indeed, many of my Jewish friends are totally nonobservant. It hasn't always been plain sailing. Organisations that promote the dialogue between religions do exist. We have attended a fascinating series of Jewish/Muslim lectures organised by Calamus, a Muslim

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organisation, and we have also looked at interfaith issues within a

Reform Synagogue setting.

I feel privileged to have had a window into a different culture and I'm sure my husband feels likewise. My life has been enriched by it. In this age of increased marital disharmony, surely what is most important is that two people love and respect each other and despite differences determine to make their marriage a success. Mrs SUE DOSSA

### Lessons of the CB battle

Sir: Further to the arguments for and against mobile phones, I remember in the early Seventies trying to get CB radio accepted as a legal form of communication.

The government of the day's stance was that a driver could not be seen to be in control of the vehicle while using in-car communications. CB then, however, was not seen as something which could be profitable; it was relatively nexpensive and there was no way of taxing the talk time. Mohile phones are at least as distracting as CB was but generate revenue for business and the Treasury. It would seem, yet again, that the hypocrisy of profit leads where common sense is refused entry. **TJONES** Newcastle upon Tyne

### Falling dioxins in cod liver oil

Sir: You published material taken from a press announcement issued by Friends of the Earth (report, 16 June), giving credibility to damaging claims about cod liver oil.

Last month the Government's Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment published a review of the levels of ioxins in food, breast milk and fish oils. It reported that, in common with all other foods, fish oils contain a level of contamination. However, it was noted that overall levels of PCBs and dioxins in foods. human breast milk and fish oils are falling. The daily intake from human breast milk can be up to 15 times that from cod liver oil.

At the time of publication, Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, confirmed that the levels in fish oils "are very unlikely to pose a risk to the health of breast-fed infants, toddlers, schoolchildren or adults".

TOM HARDMAN Director, Seven Seas Ltd. НиЦ

### Still surly

Sir: The competition of high-street banks and building societies has reached such heights that counter-staff civility borders alarmingly on sycophancy. It is refreshing to note that the Post Office still offers oldfashioned surliness, leaving one in no doubt that the customer is the inconvenience. Long may their queues remain, er ... long. ROBERT A BROWN Greenford, Middlesex

### Stonehenge: close the road Sir: It is very regrettable that the

Millennium Commission has refused to support the project for creating a millennium park around Stoochenge. By general agreement Stonehenge is our prime national monument, and its proper conservation and presentation should be a top priority for all the agencies involved. Unfortunately, the failure of these agencies to agree on a satisfactory scheme for the presentation of the mooument has provided the Commission with a good reason for withholding

It must be hoped that, now we nust return to square one in designing presentation of the monument commensurate with its importance, some of the agencies involved can be persuaded to take the actions which have so far eopardised the whole enterprise. This means, first, that the A344 past the monument must be closed; second, that the A303 trunk road must at least be placed in a tunnel sufficiently long to screen it from the monument - both of which measures involve firm decisions by the Department of Transport - and third, that the Ministry of Defence must be persuaded to vacate those parts of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site which it continues to

occupy.

If these three steps could be taken, all need not be lost and the presentation of this outstanding but much abused national monument could still be brought up to the international standards it requires before the beginning of the next millennium R A BUCHANAN Emeritus Professor of the History of Technology University of Bath

### Tow-rags and acrobatic toes

Sir: Walter Roberts ("Grammarians weep! The bell tolls for 'whom' ". 14 June) suggests that "toe-rag" is derived, phonetically from Taureg.

Surely the original phrase always included the adjective "dirty" and comes from "dirty tow-rag" – tow rags being used by engineers to apply grease to the mechanical parts of their machines. A dirty tow-rag is obviously something that is singularly unattractive, not to say repellant.

Dr IAN K BLOOR Kinsey Heath, Cheshire

Sir: John Appleton's letter (18 June) referring to the use of towrags to clear up messes in hospitals reminds me of a wartime incident involving a nervous young hospital orderly in the Friends Ambulance

This young man, new to work on the wards (where apparently tow was still in use instead of toilet paper), was embarrassed to hear n hoarse whisper from behind the bed curtains asking for paper. In his embarrassment he ignored it, as he did two or three further requests. Finally he hlurted out "use your tow", provoking the swift and angry reply "I'm not a bloody acrobat".
GILBERT WOOD Roydon, Essex

Sir: Surely every grammarian knows that the expression "toerag" was coined by the script-writing team of the ITV series Minder as euphemistic rhyming slang for "slag". JOHN MITCHELL

## The disaster striking France

t is a serious mistake to equate the victory of the Socialist Lionel Jospin and his plural left alliance (radical socialists, communists and ecologists) in France with the Labour victory of Tony Blair in Britain which put an end to 18 years of Conservative government. This last was a sensible deci-

sion by the voters of the United Kingdom, aimed at guaranteeing the liberal reforms that have made the British economy the most dynamic in Western Europe and the fastest generator of employment; and at punishing a Conservative Party which, under the mediocre leadership of John Major, had been held captive by a handful of ultra-nationalists (Redwood, Portillo, Lilley! whose demagogy might well have provoked a definitive hreak between the United Kingdom and the European Union, which now absorbs 60 per cent of British

exports.
The electoral results in France bear witness to the con-fusion and lurching disorien-tation of a society which, for 20 vears now, has been swinging from left to right and from right to left, each swing ending in frustration, hecause of policies that have been systematically aggravating unemployment, social hurdens, taxes, and the weakness of French enterprise in competitive world markets, and attenuating the international influence of France. It is this failure of the two great ideological currents conservative and socialist which has made possible the alarming growth of extremist, nationalism manifest in the increased vote for the Front National of Le Pen (15 per cent).

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The nation's decadence has no other explanation than the anachronism and cowardice of her political class<sup>9</sup>

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and, within this class, of an illiberal right. Having won the most crushing majority ever enjoyed by any government in the Fifth Republic, the right did not dare to make a single one of the basic reforms in the economic and social structure (those which from 1979 on, Mrs Thatcher had made in Britain) required to modernise France and enable her to enter the 21st century through the front door.

That is why France still has the largest, most interventionist state and the most rigid labour laws in Europe, which explains why unemployment is 13 per cent, while Britain's is only 6 per cent - and a scale of taxation so heavy that its "black economy" has been burgeoning to Italian proportions.

Why should the voters have

granted the renewed mandate Chirac desired of them when, in four years of government by the right, they have been frustrated in all their expectations by unreal populist promises? The decadence of France Chirac, let us remember, promised to increase employment and reduce taxes, assure

welfare state, while defending the "French identity" against the diluting or dissolving influ-ence of globalisation. As those promises were incompatible. he did not keep them; and as the last straw, amused himself by setting off a few atomic

bombs at Mururoa atoll in a costly and ridiculous operation.

It was soon evident to the whole world and to the French themselves that the right was opposed to liberalism; and that when accused of being "ultra-liberal" or "Thatcherite" it was prone to panic and fell to gesturing confusedly, denying in its deeds what in the speeches of its leaders it claimed to be doing.

First Balladur then Juppé talked of the need to privatise the mod! privatise the public sector, but the mere mention of privatisation sparkled a reaction from the trade unions. They backed down immediately every time, and came near to apologising for their rashness. So it is one or the other; either they never really believed in the need for these ardice of her political class growth and to reinforce the reforms, or their irresolution

and tactical opportunism outweighed their convictions. I am inclined to believe there was a little of both. Largely on account of Gaulist nationalism and its cult of the big state, lioeralism was always something of an exotic flower on the French right.
The oddest thing is to read

how, according to observers in the politically correct press worldwide, Chirac and his party have been dethroned on account of their "ultra-liberal policies". Which ones? Has not France, now, a prebendary system even more obese than if did under Mitterrand? Have "social services" increased or diminished since that time? How many significant public companies have been trans-ferred to the private sector in the past four years? The regulationism and interventionism that strangle French economic and institutional life - have these jungle vines been dealt even one chop of the liberal machete? Are taxes lower or higher? Has one twig of the

bureaucracy been proned?

If these are ultra-liberal policies, then what word should we use for those that braked and reversed the decline of the British economy in the 1980s. opening it to world and returning to private business the responsibility for creating wealth, which had been expropriated by the bureaucrat and the politico?

How many new proprietors have Messrs Balladur and Juppe created? In Britain. thanks to privatisation, several million were created in under 15 years, allowing a massive spread of shareholding among consumers and giving reality and meaning to the notion of "popular capitalism". Fortunately, there now exists - as in Chile and New Zealand, where similar liberal revolutions have taken place - a consensus shared by Conservative and Labour. Has anything remntely similar been done in France?

In Britain, any real liberal would have voted for Blair so as to curh the nationalism which, like a poisonous tumour, had proliferated in the councils of the Tory party. jeopardising the achievements of its governments. Blair's merit consisted in the renewal of the Labour Party, putting it abreast of the UK's impressive transformation and, even more a real dialectical leap - turning it into the best guarantor of those changes that have so wonderfully rejuvenated and energised a country which, only 20 years back, seemed as somnambulant and backward as

Unlike French socialism. which still believes in the entrepreneurial role of the state, distrusts private husiness and defends public social security and a captive labour market. New Labour has opted resolutely for market policies and private enterprise, renouncing nationalisation and admitting

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creation is with a flexible labour market French socialism - still seasoned with cultural and economic nationalism - views interdependence and globalisation with sullen resentment and distrust. "Dehumanised" was the word used by Jospin in one of his campaign speeches. New Labour, on the other hand, welcomes the phenomenon as an opportunity for poor countries to emerge from poverty, and for the prosperous ones to reach new levels of And thus Labour defends a pro-European policy (moderated by legitimate concerns about the directive and bureaucratic bent with which Brussels has been infected by so many socialist governments).

nder Blair, Lubour has gone so far as to admit that in the field of education - the last bastion of socialist and social-democrat ideological statism - it might be healthy, democratic and efficient for there to be competidon between the public and private sectors and to give parents greater freedom of choice. If this is still "socialism", then who needs liberal parties? The fact is that Blair's win has been a signal vindication of Thatcher: blunt proof that the courageous reforms she brought to pass are now irreversible - an inheritance which British soci-

the 20th. He is a good and candid soul, whose honesty - he was uncontaminated by his parlicipation in the Mitterrand government, when so many had their fingers in the cashhox and frugality are beyond all doubt. He has not bought a new car in 10 years, and still lives in the modest flat he had when he was a schoolteacher. However, his programme of government. if does not betray his voters by doing the exact opposite of what he promised (which would be a lesser evit for the country).

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state resources on artificial jobs not only fails to solve unemployment but rather aggravates economic and social problems. He also proposes to "reform" Maastricht so that the criteria of monetary and fiscal orthodoxy may afford more room to "policies of solidarity" - a fair phrase which, in the first week of his government, caused a general slump in European stock markets, and visible signs of investment withdrawal from France. At this rate we shall soon see, as in the two first years of the presidency of Mit-terrand, prudent French savers scurrying to Swiss banks and tax paradises further abroad.

With great conviction. Jospin has promised he will put an "end" to privatisation - as if there had been any under way to begin with. Few doubt that, in this at least, he will keep his word. Under his government French "social services" will wax fatter, with a corresponding rise in taxes. The social and economic reverberations of that will lead French voters, exasperated by sinking living standards, the spread of unemployment and consequent social agitation, to defenestrate this good soul and replace him by a conservative as cave-dwelling and palaeolithic as the socialist they have just elected.

Such a see-saw cannot go on indefinitely without provoking one of those historical cataclysms so frequent in the belle histoire of the country that invented the guillotine (belle enough to read about in treatises and novels, but not so belle to live through).

he seed of the next cata-clysm has already been sown. It is called Le Front National; and, watered and manured by the malaise and insecurity haunting ever wider reaches of a society which, in the ineptitude of its political class, refuses to address the indispensable liberal reform of its institutions and political culture, the weed has grown mightily, sprouting everywhere and becoming a determining factor in national elections. If that process continues, it is not only impoverishment or economic backwardness that looms on the horizon of a country which - oh, paradox! - was the cradle of the most lucid liberal thinkers of the 18th and 19th centuries, and of several worthies in the 20th. It is, purely and simply, the risk of a collapse overt or covert - of its democratic system.

In a celebrated metaphor. when the fires of the Paris Commune were blazing. Marx hailed the idealism of the French. remarking they were bent on taking Heaven hy storm". Everything seems to indicate that on the threshold of the third millennium, these stubborn dreamers are still loath to turn their gaze from Heaven and, ill-educated by their mediocre and short-terming politicians, they still refuse to look at the concrete, real world we live in. The longer they delay in doing so, the harder their awakening will be.

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day, but if you wait till Saturday to buy it you are in for a nasty shock, because it has always sold out by then. or it always has when I go out to get mine.

I suspect I am not alone in this, so I would like to share with you the emergency scheme I have prepared as a failback. Some time ago I asked the mighty Independent computer to come up with one radio and TV set of listings which would cover every

conceivable day, and it did just that. Here is your allpurpose, a-day-in-the-life-ofthe BBC chart to cut out and

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710pm. People playing records that other people don't want to listen to, eg jazz, cinema organ.

10.00pm. Classic comedy show repeat. 11,00pm. Man playing records and reading tomorrow's newspapers.

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Maria Bratwurst

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BBC Local Radio News, traffic, old records, and people from London plugging books.

## Hague's first task: bringing the left back on board

even years after her fall, the Tory party still could-n't manage to step out of Margaret Thatcher's long shadow. Nobody yet knows how many MPs were influenced by her belated, and famously reluctant, 11th-hour backing for the new leader. But either way, the party has done her bidding: it defeated, much more decisively than most MPs, let alone the pundits, expected, a proven world class politician on a unity ticket. It elected instead an untried 36-year-old who comes into office, as only the fourth Tory leader in over 30 years, with youth, intelligence, energy and lots of problems.

Whatever the result, Labour would probably have said it was the one it preferred. But it is almost certain that the party was more frightened, if that is a word appropriate to a government which so dominates the political landscape, of Ken Clarke than it is of William Hague. Hague now has five difficult years to prove it wrong. And no one should take away from him the fact that a party more ridden by factions than at any time since Robert Peel delivered him, in the end, a handsome victory.

The first of those problems is that from heing a wet and disorganised hunch of polite moaners since the mid-Eighties, the pro-European left wing of the Tory party has been moulded by this extraordinary contest into a cobesive and determined force which did not vote for him and has a strong leader of its own. Hague's offer of "a senior

shadow Cahinet post" was last night gracefully but swiftly declined and predictably so, given Hague's insistence on a loyalty test requiring all shadow ministers to adhere to his own decision to rule out a single currency for a decade. It was unimaginable that Clarke, for the sake of a mere shadow cabinet post, would ahandon the principle for which he was prepared to risk his job of Chancellor of the Exchequer. Hague's first task will like Stephen Dorrell, former Secretary of State for Health, and self-confessed sceptic on the single currency, into his collective leadership. It will be necessary but very difficult to eliminate the chronic threat of a split with the left.

For the daunting and overdue task of overhauling the rickety and obsolescent party machine, Hague may prove to be the right man in the right place. There is a lot to do. Local parties, having already broadly shown that they are wiser than many of their MPs, now need to be given, as swiftly in possible, a say in future leadership contests. That will help to stabilise the existing leadership. Local parties favour the incumhent. But it is also, as Labour has shown, a vital step towards rebuilding the party's moribund and dwindling membership.

Quite rightly people are no longer prepared
to join a political party, much less knock on doors, stuff envelopes, and arrange coffee

mornings unless they have some power as well. There needs to be an electoral college in which power is shared between party members and MPs – Lord Archer has even suggested 50 per cent apiece. Hague should stand again for the leadership, as soon as the new system is in place, to demonstrate his popular



Donald Macintyre

It is almost inconceivable that Clarke, for the sake of a shadow cabinet post, would have abandoned the principle for which he was ready to risk his job

of Chancellor

pro quo for widening the franchise, also pioneered by Labour. The autonomy of local associations has run out of control. There has to be a filtering process that ensures, initially at the very least in by-elections, that Central Office can impose its own short list to ensure a higher quality of candidate. That means imposing a much more rigorous process for weeding out some of the dodgier names on the current list of approved candidates.

support within the party to the numerous MPs who will

not have accepted it. Hague at

least has the advantage that though well behind Clarke in

popularity among party activists, he came well out in front of all his rivals.

But there needs to be a quid

The most vital requirement however is for candidates in such seats to make their minds up by mid-term; the Tories need to revolutionise their approach to general election campaigns by ruthless targeting of winnable seats as both the Labour Party and, with almost as stunning results, the Liberal Democrats have done. He should appoint without delay his ally Archie Norman, one of the few Tory MPs to have run a spectacularly successful husiness, to reorganise the party.

But more than just the party machine needs an overhaul. First the policy review which be orders, probably under a new senior shadow cabinet member such as David Willetts, will have to recognise nt least as clearly as Brown and Blair did after Labour's 1992 defeat what needs to be done to win

back the uncommitted centre ground of British politics. That will be difficult: Hague owes his victory in large part to a group who still, despite all the evidence to the contrary, believe that the European threat to British sovereignty is the one issue that galvanises the

British electorate. Hague is lucky that he will be able to promote to senior positions politicians like Fran-cis Maude and John Maples, relatively untarnished by the past few years. This was not a good result for John Redwood after his pact with Clarke: but it could still be prudent for the sake of right-wing unity to give him a joh.

Peter Lilley may become shadow chancellor
but Hague should be careful about promoting
too many of the old, familiar, discredited faces.

Youth and freshness are his higgest asset.

He has proved that the factional organising

skills which served him so well as an undergraduate politician at Oxford have not descried him. Labour would be most unwise to write him off or yield too quickly to the temptation to patronise him. He won against quite difficult odds. But factional organisation is not what the Tory party now needs. To eliminate triumphalism among his own supporters, let alone the hitterness within factions as well as between them, will require almost superhuman qualities. For British Conservatism now stands at a watershed. Hague could start the long march hack to power by beginning to interest sections of the electorate, like women and the young, who so deserted his party on 1 May. Or he could yet find himself presiding over the dis-integration of what was once the developed world's most successful political party.

## Gay vs God: the battle for the soul of Disney

by David Usborne in New York

t is the special burden of the Walt Disney Com-pany that, decades after Bambi took its first faltering steps in anima-tion, it remains the very symbol of American wholesomeness. But the Mouse-that-Walt-Built is also a modern communica-tions giant; in fact one of the world's largest. It is inevitable, of course, that on occasion its benign fairy-dust heritage and its corporate aspirations are

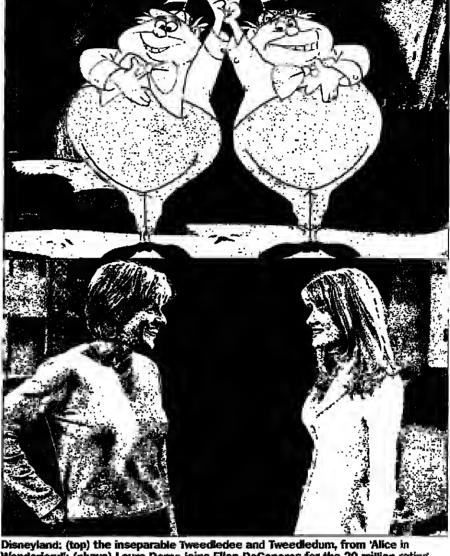
going to collide. Thus there came this week the vote by delegates at the annual convention of the Southern Baptist Church in Dallas - representing the more than 15 million members of the largest protestant denomination in the US - calling for a hlanket boycott of everything Disney. The church's core complaint: that Disney has increasingly followed a policy of condoning and even promoting the homosexual lifestyle.

Never mind that the Disney Company is far from alone m Hollywood in showing sympa-thy for gays, whether they are employees or patrons. If any-thing, it has been a laggard on the issue. Even last week, it was rapped by gay organisations over its latest action-adventure hlockbuster, Con Air, which features a flagrantly stereotypical gay hairdresser who minces about in the mayhem in a high-hemmed dress.

For the leaders of the Baptist Church, as well as those of several other radical Christian groups and smaller denominations, Disney will always have a higher calling as the guardian of the nation's family values. For them, tuning the antennae for any departure by the company from that perceived responsihility has in recent years

become a full-time activity. Sometimes, it has looked like a crusade descending into hysteria. The American Family Association, which took the fore in persuading the Baptists to adopt the boycott on Wednesday, alleged four years ago, for instance, that the feature cartoon, The Little Mermaid, actually carried phallic symbols in its drawings. The same group has quoted Disney's Chairman, Michael Eisner, as suggesting that no fewer than 40 per cent of his workforce are homosexuals. Determining such a figure is, of course, almost impossible.

Even so, identifying more concrete examples of gaytolerant policies at Disney is not difficult. The company does, for example, extend health benefits to the live-in partners of its homosexual employees. Earlier this month, moreover, saw the latest "Gay Days" event at its Florida Disneyworld. Organised not by Disney itself but by a New Jersey-hased gay advocacy group, it attracted some 60,000 homosexuals who descended on



Wonderland'; (above) Laura Derne joins Ellen DeGeneres for the 20 million-rating episode of 'Ellen' in which her character finally came out Photographs: MSVReuters

### For the Baptist leaders, Disney is the guardian of the nation's family values

the theme park for a weekend of fun and gay pride.

Then there is the content of its product. The anti-Disney movement first began to ignite with the release by its Miramax subsidiary two years ago of the British-made Priest, which depicted a Catholic priest in Liverpool struggling with his own homosexuality. It was swiftly followed by Kids, which, though it had no gay theme, followed the sex- and drugssoaked lives of a group of young

teens in Manhattan. For the Baptists, however, the final straw was the airing in April of the now-famous episode of the ABC comedy sitcom Ellen, in which the central character revealed berself as a lesbian. The broadcast coincided with the highly-publi-cised coming out of the show's star herself, Ellen DeGeneris.

"Disney continues to spiral downward in the eyes of many Americans because of the company's support for the bomosexual agenda," argued Tim Wildmon of the American Family Association. "Much of what they do goes against the family. Certainly homosexuals are Americans, too, but we shouldn't hold up as natural and good something that's not." Arguably, this is trouble that

Disney has been asking for. The company trades on its apple-pie credentials: at present, it is basking in praise for lifting New York's Times Square from decades of gutter-sleaze by the huge investments it has made in a superstore on the square and its refurbishment of the Amsterdam Theatre next door. With the staging a week ago of an electric parade through Manhattan to promote its

Hercules, the company ironically took hrickbats from some New Yorkers for turning the city into a sanitised, middle-America themeland.

At the same time, the exploitation for easy bucks of the offending episode of Ellen by ABC, which was hought by Disney 18 months ago, was flagrant. Every corporate stop was pulled out to foist the coming out of Ms DeGeneris on to the American public. The inevitable result was a huge spike in ratings for the sitcom. It also attracted the goodwill of the nut insignificant and mostly prosperous gay community nationwide. How much of a gamble is Dis-ney taking? On the face of it, the Baptists' boycott sounds highly potent. The resolution urges every Southern Baptist to take the stewardship of their time, money and resources so scri-ously that they refrain from patronizing The Disney Co and any of its related entities. The resolution is not a binding one and thus relies on all 15 million church members -which, by the way, includes President Clinton himself -hearing the message and acting on their consciences. Backers of the boyeout believe that it will give church members a cause through which they will be able to express their concern not only about Disney but the erosion of public morality in general, "If Disney is under the misapprehension that this is only going to be a fly in their oint-

and Television Commission. So far. however. Disney is looking about as worried as Mickey Mouse on a spring picnic with Minnie. On Wednesday, its stock value slipped by barely a notch, in line with the rest of the market. And apparently the company has been dismissive of the Baptists. On his own dealings with the com-pany, Richard Land, president of the church's morals and ethics panel, confessed: "On a good day they ignored us. On had days they contemptuously gave us the back of their band."

ment, they are making a hig mis-take," said Ted Bachr, who is

chairman of the Christian Film

If this seems like overconfidence, survey for a moment the sheer hreadth of the Disney empire. Aside from the cartoon features like Hercules, there is the output of its other studios. which include Touchstone and Miramax. Also in its portfolio are the theme parks, the 530 different Disney Stores, its cable TV assets (which includes the ESPN sports channel), its various sports franchises, a variety of publications, and of course there is ABC. In Middle America. God

may still be ubiquitous; but so is the Mouse. Can any family. however Christian its outlook. manage not to succumb to its children's pleas to visit Disneyland, to take home the Disney-character toys from McDonald's or to watch the cartoon hour on Saturday mornings on ABC? Is Mr Clinton going to stop watching Peter Jennings on the 6.30 news or catching Tiger Woods on ESPN? I would wager not; and the Disney management, clearly, is making the same bet.

## Who are the radicals now?

few years ago, I bumped into Dave Morris, one of the McLibel Two, Morris, one of the McLibel Two, who I knew from a long time ago. Ever the committed anarchist, he asked Ever the committed anarchist, he asked me if I was going on the Eat the Rich march. "No," I said rather sheepishly, "I'm going to Safeways." It could have been worse. I could have been taking the kids to McDonald's. Yet I am glad that there are people like Dave in the world, individuals who just won't take it anymore. For he and his co-defendant Helen Steel may have lost the case but they non the argument. The campaign they won the argument. The campaign will go on. McDonald's exploits its work-ers, children and animals. That's official.

If this is, as Michael Mansfield has said, "a major victory", then we also have to declare that the road protesters have also won even when roads are built, trees cut down and runways built. Radical polities is winning at a symbolic level. But just who is radical these days when mainstream politicians talk of the "radical centre", when the country requires "radical modernisation", when it is considered possible to proclaim oneself a radical and yet be at the heart of the establishment?

We are confused about this government because the lines between left and right have gone all blurry. Or Blairy. Is Frank Field a maverick, a radical, a right-winger or a visionary? Is the new administration steering a path through the ide-ological minefield that can really be described, as it was by John Lloyd in the New Statesman, as "the third way"? When we grudgingly admit that it may have done some good things, are we merely being duped because something

is better than nothing?
The McLibel trial illustrated what capitalism is actually like, its ruthlessness, its efficiency, its ability to transform itself. Words like capitalism and globalisation conjure images of giant machines



Suzanne Moore

The McLibel Two may have lost the case, but they have

won the argument. Even a symbolic victory can make a difference

that can never be stopped, that go on working whoever is in charge, that end-lessly regenerate themselves. The McLi-bel Two reminded me of something else altogether — the power of human agency, the ability of little people to jam up the work, to sabotage the bosses, to just say no. This is an immensely brave thing to do. Most of us don't possess the purity for this kind of radicalism. We have become too realistic.

Many of us have given up on tradi-tional forms of politics, many of us did not vote at all and cannot share the cuphoria that greets the new masters. However, to give up on politics often means little more than a refusal to trust anybody at all. It means ultimately that we cannot trust ourselves. To insist though that nothing can ever really change until the day of glorious revobution is in itself an innately conservative view; it cannot see how the world has changed therefore it cannot change the world.

The reaction, then, both personally and politically, appears to be the current pick 'n' mix approach that we are now seeing. The Blairites are accused of being jackdaws, magnies stealing policies from other parties to feather their own nests. Tony Blair may claim to he tak-ing the ideology out of politics; others would claim he is taking the politics out of politics so that he simply manages the status quo more efficiently.

In many ways, however, this new government is mirroring the views of the population, which tends to be socially iberal but fiscally conservative. On issues from abortion to gay rights to the decriminalisation of cannabis, there is a growing consensus towards the extension of personal freedom. At the same time, we see the growth of personal pension plans, private health insurance and security measures to make us feel safe in what appears to be an increas-ingly dangerous world. Such individu-alism means that poverty tends to be seen as a fact of life rather than as the outcome of social and economic policy.

We could, then, define the new radi-cals as those who insist on collective solutions to collective problems, such as the environmental activists, who are often mistaken for libertarians. Yet such a position is riven with contradiction. A pure libertarian position for instance would allow fox-hunting, would allow surrogate mothers to do what the bell they like, would allow yeal calves to be exported and drugs to be taken. Liber-tarians would not be asking the state to intervene, to enforce more controls, to monitor our cows for BSE, our water for oestrogens, to stop the traffic so that we can move around more easily.

Those who feared the authoritarianism of Jack Straw have so far heen disappointed. Children out after nine o'clock are not to be clamped, single mothers not electronically tagged. There is, as yet, no national bedtime enforced by young offenders on com-munity service. What is clever about what has been done so far is that it is radical only in as far as it costs nothing. Apologising for the Irish famine or talk-ing about the rights of gays in the military is free and reassures the liberals.

The real questions over compulsion - are people to be made to take jobs that they don't want and that don't actually exist, in order to reduce public spendmg-have yet to be answered. There is also a possibility that a form of cultural radicalism that nods towards women's equality, gay rights, a multi-cultural soci-ety can in fact mask a restructuring and stripping down of the economy that in many ways can be characterised as

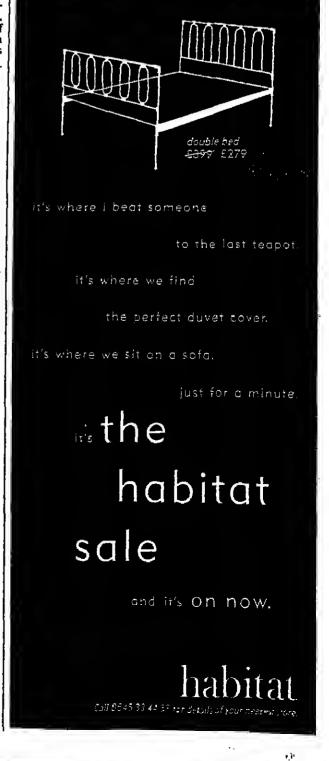
Before our very eyes we see that while

Blair is embracing devolution, he is cen-tralising power, that while there is talk of a minimal state, of less government. the inevitable changes in the public sec-tor - in health, education and social security - will mean more interference in people's lives, more surveillance, more intrusion, more talk of responsibilities, duries and obligations for those who can least afford them. The price of maintaining a welfare state?

How then are we to define a radical position? Is it radical to live up a tree and yet demand that a government you never voted for stop a runway being built? Is it radical to live in 11 Downing St instead of 10 and understand that there are many things that are beyond your control, which you can do nothing about? Is it radical to run an open government when the campaign required to win power meant a total shut-down? Or is it radical to leaflet outside a haraburger franchise and then spend precious years of your life defending such an action?

I am delighted that there is apparently "a third way" that is neither left nor right but I would argue that there is probably a fourth way too: a radicalism that questions all authority, never trusts a government, not even one which promises to be radical once it is in power, that exists to find a way between what is possible and what we are told is impossible, that lives the polities of dissent.

Though I would never want to live in a country governed by Dave Morris, indeed my previous experience of his . bousehold indicates that I would probably be hanished from it, I have nothing but admiration for his and Helen Steel's campaign. They believed they could make a difference. I believe they have. That's radical enough if you ask



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## business & city

## BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER Former BR managers to share in £40m sale bonanza

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

Another round of windfall profits for former British Rail managers emerged yesterday when Jarvis, the Essex construction group, moved to take profits of £11.5m. control of a privatised track renewals company for £50m, netting more than £40m for directors and venture capital

responsible for replacing tracks on the East coast main line from London to Edinburgh. If the deal goes through 10 managers will share in cash and paper

Fastline's directors and staff, along with venture capitalists Apax Partners, paid £11m for the company in March 1996. They paid a further £4.6m for Jatvis is paying £50m for York-based Northern Track for 25 years. Renewals two months later. Two other

ue of their windfalls.

The biggest heneficiary is David Doggett, 47, Fastline's chairman and managing director, who will see his £50,000 investment turn into £2.6m, in the form of cash and Jarvis shares, in the space of just 15 months. Described as a BR man to his boots", Mr Doggett had been with the state-run rail industry

engineering director, will not about £1.8m each from initial investments of £35,000. The higgest beneficiary is Apax, which will see its 58 per cent in-

vestment in Fastline for

£500,000 turn into £30m. All of Fastline's 1,200 emloyees will also share in a 2m cash bonus, worth £3,500 each for "excellent performance." A further 170 staff who together paid £250,000 for

agement buyout from British Before the sale to Jarvis they David Douglas, the track reshares in the company will Rail of Eastern Track Renewals, paid off debt. boosting the value of the company will never be shared out £3.75m. Jarvis will responsible to the company will never be shared out £3.75m. Jarvis will never be shared out £3.75m. fund the acquisitions with a £62m share issue.

The deal mirrors the recent controversial sales of rolling stock companies, which made gains of £386m for Eversholt shareholders this year and £300m for Porterbrook investors last year, including a £36m profit for managing director Sandy Anderson.

Jarvis said the profits were the result of Fastline's success in profits. The two companies

winning contracts from Railtrack. A spokesman contrasted the windfells with the £5m Jarvis is also paying for the 50 per cent of another track renewal company. Relayfast, which it does not already own. In this deal, also announced yesterday, Relayfast's shareholders will emerge with no profits at all. Jarvis paid £4.9 for the other

half of Relayfast in May. Paris Moayedi, Jarvis chair-

Effects on the PSBR of changing the government's assumptions

were set up in exactly the same way. One made a success of it and the other didn't. In the one that was successful the management and employees walked away with lots of money. Good luck to them.

The deal strengthened Jarvis's position in bidding for £1hn of Railtrack track contracts over the next four years. Mr Moayedi said Jarvis had been shortlisted for all 5 of the contracts on offer and would be disappointed not to win some-

thing. The Office of Fair Trading yesterday invited comments the deals on merger grounds, but Mr Moayedi said there was "fittle likelihood" of

them altracting opposition.

Javis shareholders have already enjoyed huge gains on the back of the company's £9m pur-chase of another British Rail husiness, Northern Infrastructure Maintenance last year. Jarvis shares rose 1.5p yesterday to 308.5p. A year ago they were just 76p.

## Revised figures pave way for tough Budget

**Tom Stevenson** Financial Editor

The Chancellor prepared the financial markets for higher taxes and a clampdown on public spending in July's mini-Bud-get yesterday by changing the assumptions the Treasury uses to make its economic forecasts. On the new basis, the public finances look in worse shape than Ken Clarke, the former Chancellor, predicted in last November's Budget.

Gordon Brown is certain to use the new figures, which were vesterday given a seal of ap-proval by the independent National Audit Office, to paint the previous Conservative government's assumptions as overoptimistic. They are expected to give him ammunition for turning down excessive demands from spending departments and a justification for raising taxes.

Presenting the changed fig-ures and the NAO endorsement as a victory for open govern-ment. Mr Brown said: "Budgets must be built on honest foundations. This is the only way to restore public trust in the public finances. This is the first time that any chancellor has opened up the Treasury's forecasting assumptions to such open and independent scrutiny. It means the Budget arithmetic will be based on financial conventions which are open, transparent and accountable.

In a bid to create more openness at the Treasury, Gordon Brown asked the National Audit Office to scrutinise the changed assumptions and say if it considered them reasonable.

Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO. said yesterday: "While the

Chancellor are not the only ones which could be reconciled with the evidence, in my opinion they have been arrived at systemati-cally on the basis of the available data and by methods which interpret it in a reasonable way."

The key changes in the assumptions were a revision downwards of the Treasury's long-trend growth forecast from 2.5 per cent to 2.25 per cent and a reduction in the estimated proceeds from Kenneth Clarke's "spend to save" antifraud programme.

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That initiative predicted savings of £6.7bn could be generated by spending an extra £800m on measures to eliminate errors and fraud from social security claims. By restricting the predicted gains to cash raised immediately from the discovery of an error or fraud, rather than including a figure for indirect effects such as deterrence, the saving is reined back to £4.9bn.

Other changes included a decision not to include future privatisation proceeds in economic forecasts, a measure expected to increase the PSBR by £4.5bn over the next five years,

assumptions adopted by the and the use of a flat unemployment assumption, rather than the guess about future trends in the jobless rate that Mr Clarke introduced for the first time last year. That would increase public horrowing by £4.25hn over the five year fore-

casting period.

The final change will see the Government using market average forecasts for future interest rates rather than an estimate by the Treasury, which might lay the Government open to charges of political interference. The charged forecasts are

retrospective and will be revised again on 2 July to incorporate the changes announced in the mini-Budget.

The change in the long-term GDP growth trend raised eyebrows in the City yesterday, where economists said recent evidence suggested a higher growth rate was sustainable without a threat to inflation.

Economists questioned the relevance of the change, which only takes effect from 1999 onwards. For the next two years, the Treasury uses its actual forecasts for the short-term growth in GDP rather than an estimate of long-term trend growth.

One economist said: "This is largely an exercise in public relations, designed for the consumption of people other than in the City. Everyone knows the plans for three and four years ahead are simply fantasy. They focus on years one and two and those assumptions have hardly changed.

The new basis of calculation puts the PSBR £0.5bn higher in the current fiscal year and £3.25hn higher next year. Comment, page 23

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	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Privatisation proceeds	0	1.5	1	1	1
Spend to save	0.25	0.75	0.75	1	1
2.25 per cent GDP growth	-	•	0.75	1.75	2.75
Flat unemployment	0.5	0.75	1	1	1
Additional debt interest	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.25
TOTAL	0.5	3.25	4	5.5	7

### Export orders pick up in June

Michael Harrison

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday undermined its own argument for lower interest rates by announcing that export orders have recovered

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slightly this month.

The employers' organisation has argued that higher base rates will further strengthen the pound, thereby making British manufactured goods less competitive in export markets.
But the CBFs latest monthly

trends survey shows exports picked up in June with a smaller balance of firms reporting a decline in exports than in previous months, Interest rates have gone up twice since Labour came to power. According to the survey, the

balance of companies reporting export urder books below normal was 20 per cent in June compared with 24 per cent in May and 23 per cent in April. During the period the survey was conducted, 22 May to 11 June, 5167 720

and DM2.796.
The CBI's director of economic analysis, Sudhir Ju-nankar, sald: "Despite the small revival in export orders this month, sterling's strength continues to have a dampening effect on export demand and manufacturers' ontput growth expectations have weakened for the third successive survey."

The figures will deal a blow the CBI's campaign for higher taxes, rather than higher interest rates, to keep the lid on inflation. The organisation has called for a £2bn increase in personal taxes in next month's budget to curb inflation.

The balance of firms reporting total order books below normal has fallen from 8 per cent in May to 3 per cent this month. The survey also shows that price expectations are the lowest for nearly a year.

London told

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### **MDIS** plans refinancing

### Sameena Ahmad

McDonnell Information Systems, one of the UK's worstperforming florations of recent years, looks set to launch a rescue rights issue in the next few weeks after the group warned software costs would lead to 'very substantial tosses" for 1996 and said it was seeking a refinancing "as a matter of ur-

Shares in the group plunged 18 per cent to 28p. The group, which has had a string of profit warnings and management ousnings in the past year, was floated at 26th in March 1994. John Klein, chief executive. said it would take 12 to 18 months to turn around. "I clearly understand the responsibility rests with me, but the past is

behind us," he said.

The group will make a provision to cover creditors, redundancy costs and old contracts drawn up in the ear-1990s in its next set of figures. MDIS expects "a sustained improvement in operating per-

formance" this year. A source close 10 MDIS said former management had taken on contracts which they were not qualified to service, but which they booked as profit. "As they struggled to service them, costs started soaring.

MDIS has minimal cash outflow because of it," the source said. Mr Klein said the contract announced yesterday with IT gi-ant Fujitsu, which is buying a 36 per cent interest in MDIS's software Chess for \$25m, showed the fundamentals of the group were sound. "It is a major transaction," he said.

## US states edge near tobacco deal

Negotiators for American states for past actions, that it pay of any final settlement pro-and the tobacco industry were compensatory and punitive tecting public health. Blulocked in talks vesterday to try and resolve contentious issues and reach a landmark tobacco settlement of lawsuits by the end

of the week. "We're very optimistic. We hope to present an agreement in principle to the White House, said Scott Harshbarger, the Massachusetts Attorney-general.
Talks between tobacco in-

dustry representatives and the state attorneys general have been going on since early April. The negonations are aimed at a broad settlement of the huge legal claims against the industry in return for some form of increased regulation and curbs on advertising and marketing of

tobacco products. Forty states have sued the industry to recoup the costs of treating sick smokers. The states are demanding that the industry agree to be punished

damages for smoking-related injuries and that it agree to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate cig-

arettes as a drug. Sources close to both the state attorneys general and the tohacco industry said they doubted a deal would be reached until late last night at the soonest, and some said they thought it might be today.

Asked how talks were progressing, Richard Scruggs, a Mississippi lawyer assisting several of the states, replied, "The horse is still breathing." The main negotiator repre-

senting the anti-smoking. American health organisations. Maithew Myers, was absent Thursday to attend a funeral. The Connecticut Attorneygeneral Richard Blumenthal

said two areas of disagreement remained. "One, details as to the terms menthal said. And the larger issues relating to assuring that people's rights are protected to sue the industry for the harm

that's done," he added. The main tobacco companies Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds. and Brown & Williamson declined to comment on the negotiations. The White House has taken

a keen interest in the talks but has been careful not to appear to be running them. Negotiators have considered

turning over an incomplete proposal to the White House and asking it to resolve the contentious issue of whether the industry would pay so-eatled punitive damages, according to sources close to the talks. Punitive damages are awarded to punish and deter wrongful

behaviour. In an interview with the B'all Street Journal, President Bill

nies and anti-smoking forces to stay at the negotiating table un-iil they reached an agreement. However, he did not preclude personally intervening if he is convinced the two sides have exhausted all hope of reaching a deal.

"I don't want to rule in or out what I might say, but I want these parties to come to me and This is where we are. We've done all we can do, here's where we are." Mr Clinton said in an interview on Wednesday. 'And I want them to do the very best they can

President Clinton left Washhis top advisor on the tobacco negotiations, Bruce Lindsey, who stayed behind to monitor the talks. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Lindsey would delay his departure for Denver until Iomorrow.

#### Peter Kilfoyle, the Public Service Minister, said he was reington yesterday for a summit of viewing whether London should world leaders in Denver without be allowed to continue using the prestigious Charter Mark as a matter of urgency in the wake of a dramatic rise in complaints in the last six months.

Offer, the electricity industry watchdog, has compiled a dossier on London disclosing that stall routinely fail to comply with regulations, ignore voluntary codes of conduct and fail to respond properly lo customer complaints. In one instance. Offer had to

Michael Harrison

customers.

The Government yesterday

threaten the company with criminal proceedings to end its practice of changing supply meters, the accuracy of which was in doubt, before they had been ehecked by an independent meter examiner.

In a letter to the Cabinet Office. Offer's London regional manager said: The theme running through all this is one of customers being disadvantaged and deprived of their rights."

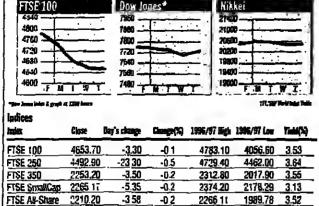
Last year complaints against London, now owned by the US utility Entergy, rose by 23.5 per cent but specific complaints about quality of supply more than doubled. In its letter, Offer criticises the company over

its policy of compulsorily installing pre-payment meters as a means of recovering deht, althreatened to remove the though metering is only supposed to he installed where Charter Mark from London Electricity following a surge in it is "safe and practicable". It complaints against the company and its "high handed and arrogant attitude" towards also takes London to task for unilaterally changing the terms of direct debit mandates without consultation, describing it as "symptomatic of the highhanded and somewhat arrogant attitude which this company

frequently manifests to its customers" Officials from the Cabinet Office's Charter Unit are meeting the company to decide whether the mark, first awarded in 1995 for excellent service.

should be removed. Under legislation introduced in 1993 electricity customers have an automatic right to compensation where suppliers fail to meet specified standards of service. Suppliers are then supposed to record the payments so that they can identify and concentrate on problem areas.





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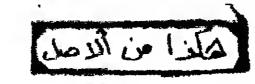
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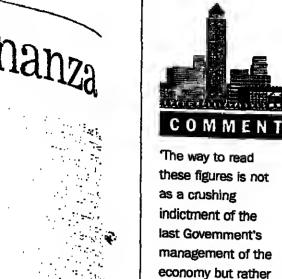
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## Public finances are not in such a bad state

Only a new government could cynically attempt to make the public finances actually look worse than they probably are; usually in government it is the other way round with the Chancellor desperately trying to cook the books to make them look better. But then this is not a Government looking for excuses to cut taxes; no, the purpose here is to find a good reason for raising them. If that's what the 2 July Budget brings, Gordon Brown will be able to say: "But just look at the mess the Tories left us with. We've got

to sort it out somehow or other."

In truth h is impossible to say with any certainty whether the picture painted of the public finances by this latest assessment is any better than the last. Even Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, insists in approving the new assumptions that they are not the only ones that can be reconciled with the evidence. Though he doesn't actually say it, he implies that the last

set of assumptions were equally good.

In any case, the real practical effect of the changes are rather less dramatic than the headline figure of £20on would indicate. The effect in the present financial year is just £500m in extra public borrowings and even next year it is only £3.25bn. After that the figures begin to escalate quite markedly hut, as anyone in the City will tell you, forecasting that far nut becomes largely guesswork whatever the assumptions.

The way to read these figures, then, is not

public finances is nothing to boast about, it is arguably no worse than Kenneth Clarke pretended. The new assumptions on growth, unemployment, privatisation proceeds and the spend-to-save programme are probably more conservative than they need to be.

All the same. Mr Brown has been clever in opening up the new approach to independent scrutiny and making it wholly transparent. That way nobody can complain that it is just a political gimmick. And after so many years of overopumism about the public finances, it is probably no bad thing for the Government to err on the side of cautioo for a while.

The floal verdict goes to the markets, which though well prepared for yesterday's NAO report, would scarcely have been any more moved had they not been. This is quite a turn up for the books, for the traditional response of markets when confronted by a new Labour government complaining bit-terly about the economy being in a much worse state than everyone thought is to bring on a fully blown sterling crisis.

### Nationwide is safe for the time being

As hlinding flushes on the road to Dam-ascus go, Michael Hardern's sudden as a crushing indictment of the last Gov- about-turn on building society mutuality takes of brigands, it would have swept all before

ernment's management of the economy, but rather the reverse. Though the state of the ler" has over the years made so much of a ler" has over the years made so much of a ler" has over the years made so much of a ler" has over the years made so much of a learning up Lord Weinstock's much-treasured nuisance of himself attempting to persuade members to demutualise their societies that he's actually been thrown out of some of them. His latest campaign with the Nationwide has whipped the carpethaggers up into such a frenzy of anticipation that the company has been forced to close its doors to all new savers. the first time this has happened with a ma-jor society. Bizarrely, Mr Hardern has now hanged his mind and admits: "I was wrong."

His rambling and sometimes incoherent remarks at a press conference in a central Loodon calé yesterday might suggest that his conversion to the cause of mutuality is less than complete. He and his four fellow travellers haven't yet dropped their plans to stand for election to the board at next month's annual general meeting, for instance.

Nor does the primise of £1,000 to every member if they vote him onto the board seem to have gone, though quite where the money is going to come from in the absence of demutualisation is anyone's guess. All the same, Brian Davis, Nationwide's beleaguered chief executive, must take whatever support he can get these days and to have the enemy jump the fcoce in this extraordinary fashion so late in the day can only be

a bonus in his dogged defence of mutuality.

It is often said that had the campaign for conversion come from a more credible source than Mr Hardern and his merry hand

least. How much longer it can hope to do so depends on its continuing ability to offer a genuine mutual benefit by way of keener mortgage and savings rates than its now con-verted competitors. At the moment that benefit is real and tangible, so much so that there may actually be a public policy case for pre-serving the society's mutuality. For if Nationwide converted too, there is not much doubt that mortgage rates would be higher and saving rates lower, not just at Narionwide, but across the board. But then again, not even Margaret Beckett would find it easy to refer a building society conversion to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

### Who will sit in Lord Prior's chair?

Wanted: chairman for large defence, elec-tronics and telecoms group, salary circa £300,000, previous experience of George Simpson an advantage. Ex-Cabinet

ministers oeed not apply.

GEC yesterday formally launched the search for a new chairman by announcing that Jim Prior will be stepping down next April after 13 long years in the saddle, first with Arnold Weinstock and, more recently, George Simpsoo.

Like so many other changes at GEC since Mr Simpson arrived last September, this ooe having been shuffled upstairs. We shall see.

learing up Lord Weinstock's much-treasured management reporting lines by putting a beefed-up executive team in charge of discrete sectors of the business.

The change of chairman will be no less sig-nificant since GEC intends to bring in more than just a new face. Unlike Lord Prior, the successful candidate will come with a background in business, not politics. The obvious political contenders - Hezza or perhaps Ken Clarke - lost most of their currency anyway when Labour won the election. And in any case, the new politics and new Labour's ethical approach to defence sales dictate that the chairmao of GEC needs to be someone versed as much in running a large international husiness as stitching up arms sales in smoke-filled Whitehall rooms.

That is not to say the successful candidate won't be someone with a background in defence. Indeed as we report elsewhere on this page, one or two such names have already been put in the frame.

Marconi, the defence electronics business is a hig slice of GEC and may yet find itself part of an even bigger combination along with British Aerospace's miliary arm. But Mr Simpson, having worked for both companies, could take care of that. There is as important a job to do with the GEC's two big civil juiot ventures - GPT in telecoms and GEC-Alsthom. The word is that Lord Weinstock will have no say in Lord Prior's replacement

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Securicor, the mobile telephooes to security group, yes terday revealed that Labour

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## Heseltine ruled out to succeed Prior at GEC

Michael Harrison

Michael Heseltine, the former Defence Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister, was yesterday ruled out as a candidate for the chairmanship of GEC when Lord Prior relinquishes the post next April.

This emerged as the defence and electronics giant announced a further restructuring of its board involving the appointment of three new non-executive directors.

GEC has decided that its new chairman will be someone with an extensive background in business rather than politics. It was also made clear that Lord Weinstock, GEC's former managemeritus, would play oo part in choosing Lord Prior's successor.

GEC said that Lord Prior's successor.

end of the current financial year after 13 years in the job. He joined GEC in 1984 after holding several Cabinet posts under Mrs Thatcher, including Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The company added that a

new chairman and a further restructuring of the board would he announced "in due course". Lord Prior said: "We are looking at a number of very good external candidates." Asked whether that included Mr Heseltine, he said: "I think that is very unlikely." Mr Heseltine, he added, had never been on a

shortlist in the first place. Lord Prior said that the shortlist did not include any internal candidates either. He also said that the choice of a new chairman would be made by the board and since Lord Weinstock was no longer on the hoard that excluded him from the process.

Apart from Mr Heseltine, two other names mentioned in connection with the chairmanship are Sir Colin Chaodler, chief executive of Vickers, the tanks to Rolls-Royce motor cars group, and Charles Masefield, a former BAe executive who now runs the Government's Defence Export Sales Organisation.

George Simpson, GEC's managing director, has been steadily restructuring the group since his arrival last September, changing the management resenior colleagues from his former employers, BAe and Lucas.

The City bopes he will announce details of his strategic review of the group alongside its annual results next month. There is much speculation about what he will do with GEC's joint ventures in tele-



Political backgrounds: Lord Prior (left) steps down next April, but Michael Heseltine is 'unlikely' to be on the shortlist

porting structure and drafting in coms and power systems, GPT and GEC Alsthom.

But there has also been renewed speculation about a fullhlown merger with BAe of a link up between GEC's defence business, Marconi and BAc's military division.

Lord Prior said his decision to retire had been entirely voluntary although it had not been unexpected now that he has

reached the age of 70. "I have done this job for 13 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have had two excelkent people to work with in Lord Weinstock and George Simpson but it is time now to leave it to someone else," he said.

columnist, and Sebastian de Ferranti, the former chairman of Ferranti will stand down as non-executive directors at the annual meeting in September. Sara Morrison, the board member responsible for community relations, is retiring from full-

have come under increasing

pressure from their sharehold-

ers to improve the returns from

their investment banking arms.

oblique reference to the troubles

at NatWest, Mr Diamond said

that in order to succeed an in-

vestment bank needed the high-

est quality senior management.

He said BZW had the "leader-

ship and vision" to attract the

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In what appeared to be an

Lord Rees-Mogg, the Times time executive duties but will re- utive of British Telecom.

her outstanding commitments. The new non-execs are Nigel Stapleton, chairman of Reed International, Barooess Lydia Dunn, executive director of John Swire and Sons the holding company for Cathay Pacific, and Dr Alan Rudge, deputy chief exec-

The company said it understood that Jack Straw, the fund these prisons, to be sited in the Manchester area, the Bristol area and one in a loca tioo still to be decided, either wholly or partly using private capital on the same basis as a prison Securicor is building a Bridgend in South Wales.

Mr Straw has also indicated to the company that the Government was in favour of the electronic tagging of offender and had extended Securicor's contract to cooduct trials unti-July 1998. The comments came as the

company announced pre-tas profits slashed from £47.0m to £19.1m in the year to March, hit by a series of one-off charges relating to its telecommunications and mobile telephone activities. An £18m provision to cover accelerated amortisation of customer incentives at the group's service provider for the Cellnet mohile telephooe network, Securicor Cellular Services, was announced in March

in a profit warning. But the group also revealed vesterday it was taking a £10m charge for an overunning computer contract at Cellnet, of which Securiour owns 40 per cent.

### IN BRIEF

### Live TV serves writ on CableTel

Mirror Group's Live TV, the cable television company, has served a writ on Cable Tel for breach of contract. The two companies have been locked in dispute after Cahle Tel excluded Live from yesterday after changes to the package continued in bar Live TV. its First Choice package. Mirror Group issued the writ

### Charterhouse chairman to quit

Victor Blank, chamman of Charterhouse, announced yesterday be was to leave the bank. He took a nnn-executive role at the beginning of the year after giving Michael Hepher, chief executive, operational control. Mr Blank has been at the bank, which is jointly owned by BHF-Bank of Germany and Credit Commercial de France and its directors, for 16 years. He is also deputy chairman of Great Universal Stores and non-executive director of Williams and Coats Viyella.

### Stellican set to win Vicenza bidding

Stellican, the London-based investment company, is thought to have made the highest bid for Vicenza's soccer club. If Stellican were to succeed, Vicenza would become the first foreign-owned soccer club in Italy. The investment group wants to redevelop the Romeo Menti stadium, invest in new players and look at sponsorship and merchandising. Two Italian bidders are also understood to be involved.

### Portman raises minimum balance

The Portman building society yesterday moved to outwit "carpetbaggers" by raising the minimum balance for new accounts to £1,000. "Carpetbaggers" have been opening new accounts at building societies round the country in the hopes of a payout if they decide to abandon their mutual status in the future. Portman has seen new account openings triple across its 108 branches in recent weeks.

### Airbus signs deal with Northwest

Airbus Industrie, the European plane-making consortium, yesterday stepped up the competition with its arch rival Boeing by confirming an agreement worth up to \$2bn (£1.25bn) to sell 50 A319 aircraft to Northwest Airlines.

The memorandum of understanding also includes an option to buy a further 100 of the twin-engined narrow-bodied planes, which have 125 seats. The first deliveries should start in 1999 and continue until 2003. The A319 is the smallest version of the single-aisle A320 family, a direct competitor to Boeing's revised 737. Northwest already has a fleet of 50 A320s and has ordered a further 20 of the planes for delivery in 1998 and

### Shield Diagnostics shares soar

Shares in Shield Diagnostics soured 30p to 552.5p after the group reported positive comments on its diagnostic test for heart disease, Associated Factor Twelve, from a Florence conference of

cardiologists and haematologists. The company said that the reception at the conference would help in in ongoing collaborative talks with potential partners for the test, which could be an alternative to cholesterol testing. Earlier this year, shares in the group soared following leaks that the AFT test was a hetter predictor of heart attacks than the traditional cholesterol test. Shield said yesterday that it could confirm that collaborative talks were pro gressing satisfactorily as were the group's plans to commercianse AFT.

### BZW head defends integrated banks Both NatWest and Barclays is looking for a new chief exec-

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The chief executive of BZW's global markets division, Robert Diamond, yesterday confirmed Barclays' global investment hanking ambinous. His comments appeared to be a deliberate attempt to distance BZW from the confusion surrounding Nat West's investment hanking strategy since its profits warn-

ing on Monday. His defence of the combined retail and investment bank was seen as a response to the in-

Market's chief executive, Mar-tin Owen, about the wisdom of high street banks lavishing capital on their relatively volatile merchant banking operations.

Speaking to an audieoce of bankers, be dismissed coocerns that medium-sized investment banks such as Nat West Markets and BZW were unable to compete seriously with their wellcapitalised American rivals. He said he believed the ap-

roach of European Monetary Union would lead to a "free for all" in which banks that had dominated their domestic marcreasing debate, following the ahrupt departure of NatWest new "Euro scene". kets battled for a share of the

That uncertainty would help UK and European banks undo the Americans' hegemony.

Listing the attributes needed to be a global investment banking player, he cited balance sheet strength and the ability to deliver a variety of solutions. Both of those could only be provided by fully integrated groups, he said, combining commercial and investment hanking expertise.

Mr Diamand's comments

came as Lord Alexander, chairman of NatWest, wrote to the bank's largest institutional investors, offering to meet with them to explain the bank's strategy.

buys more

GrandMet

Derek Wanless, Nat West's chief executive, said were lacking from NatWest Markets. Following the resignation of Arnault

Mr Owen on Monday, Nat West

utive. It expects to make an appointment within six mooths and, in the meantime, Mr Wanless has taken control of the investment banking operation. The bank is also expected to shortly appoint a new finance director for Nat Wesi Markets. Mr Diamond said the onset

of EMU would be seen as a watershed that allowed the UK banks to put their stamp on the markets. The unification of Europe's financial markets would produce the largest capital pool in the world and mean that being global was finally more than being American.

### Ofgas wanted tougher cuts

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

vesterday.

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry regulator, returned to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission earlier this year to demand an even lougher price regime over British Gas's. pipeline husiness, it emerged

Details of the revised proposals came to light as analysts ploughed through the 400 page MMC report, which largely vindicated the demand of Ofgas, the watchdog, for substantial cuts in BG's pipeline charges. The final proposals by the MMC, announced on Wednesday, will see the average domestic bill fall by £29 this year and BG's revenues drop by almost £400m a year.

The MMC's report shows that Ms Spottiswoode returned with stronger sanctions in March in response to improvements during the period of the investigation in BG's productivity and an unexpected drop in its investment spending.

In the "final" published proposals last August Ofgas said

BG's asset base for the purposes of the price formula should be

£12.4hn. compared with the to 218.5p.

£17bn in the company's accounts. The lower asset value reduced the amount of cash BG could earn to cover depreciation

But in March she told the MMC she wanted to cut the asset base further to just £10.9bn. She also urged the MMC to separate out the £4bn value of BG's non-regulated gas exploration and production business from the price formula, a move the MMC rejected. Had the MMC adopted the change it would have given BG less room to тапосиугс.

Analysts were yesterday surprised by Ms Spottiswoode's decision to ask for further concessions from the MMC. "In some respects this shows BG got a result by going to the MMC. even though the headline figures suggest they were defeated," said one analyst.

Separately yesterday Richard Giordano, BG chairman, toned down his previous opposition to the Ofgas case in a speech in Birmingham on the same platform as Ms Spottiswoode. He said: "Not all of the report is to our liking, but it is a thoughtful and thorough examination." BG shares fell 0.5p yesterday

Cathy Newman Bernard Arnault's French

luxury goods group, LVMH, has applied pressure on the food and drinks cooglomerate, Grand Metropolitan by carrying out his threat of increasing his stake in the

Mr Arnault yesterday bought 132.5 million GrandMet shares at £6.30, taking his stake in the company to 6.29 per cent. City analysts said yesterday that Mr Arnault wants to force the board of GrandMet into listening to his views on the company's £23hn merger with

John Wakeley, managing director of equity research at Lehman Brothers, said: "Mr Arnault is very angry with the proposed merger. He's very serious about his proposals being accepted by the board of Grand-

Mr Arnault wants Grand-Met to consider a proposal to merge the LVMH drinks group. Moet Hennessy, with the spirits divisions of both Guinness and GrandMel Mr Wakeley said the Frenchman's move yesterday would force Grand-Met to negotiate with him.

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## Profits warning puts Snakeboard on downward slope

Just when investors thought it could not get much worse, Snakehoard, the souped-up skateboard retailer that is chaired by the millionaire leisure guru David Llovd, has announced its second profits warning in two months.

All of its directors are having their salaries cut by one-third and must surrender half their share option entitlements. The news came as Snakeboard, which was listed on AIM at 3.5p last November and is now worth 1.5p a share, announced pre-tax losses of £742,000 for the five months to March and said it would not make the pre-tax profit flotation forecast of £2.6m for the 14 months to December. "These projections must now be regarded as no longer achiev-able," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd has agreed to bail out the company by subscribing for £200,000 of convertible loan stock, said that a manufacturing glitch - which resulted in the board's wheels not turning properly - had put the company back by 18 months.



In a spin: Forecast down for the one-product retailer

However, he said that the manufacturing issue was re-solved, the latest products were ready for shipment and that Snakeboard had secured over \$1.1m of new orders in June. "1 am putting my money where my mouth is. I wouldn't invest in a company I didn't feel had good prospects. We had a slight manufacturing problem that has set us back. But the market for boards is young and massive and snakeboarding is proving fan-tastically popular in Europe."

Raymond Moore, managing director, said the cost cutting measures - which include cutting salaries, option entitlements and consultancy fees, could save around \$500,000 per year and meant that the group would have sufficient working capital to last for two years: "It is a horrible story. We are a one-product company who had no products to sell. But I went to everyone and said we must protect our working capital. 1 think it shows a serious and responsible attitude. It's nice that David also agreed to help us out." Part of the shakeout includes the resignation of Nick Macleod Smith, marketing

and development. Mr Lloyd was planning to expand into clothes and safety equipment. He admitted the market was competitive and said the group planned to introduce a cheaper board which will retail for around £58 in the UK compared the top-of-the-range board which retails at £120.

director and brother of the

board's designer. The group also

plans 10 outsource its research

### ADP in takeover talks

Sameena Ahmad

ADP, the acquisitive US computer group, is believed to be in early takeover discussions with Kalamazoo, the struggling computer services company, which vesterday admitted that rival Lynx had walked away from merger talks.

lan Davidson, Kalamazoo's finance director, said yesterday that the group had received "a number of additional approaches which may or may not lead to an offer", Shares in Kalamazoo, which tumbled earlier this year after a profits warning and revelations of accounting

close to the company said: "I would be surprised if ADP was not the first one in there. Like Kalamazoo it is strong in car dealer software in Europe."

However, others are sceptical that Kalamazoo is committed to a merger, Richard Last, chief executive of Lynx, which in early June confirmed leaks that it was eyeing up Kalamazoo, said the discussion had broken down because he had "not seen sufficient progress". Mr Davidson says the sticking point is the Kalamazoo Trust, which represents 40 per cent of the shares. We are still investigating problems, have been rising since whether the trust is legally al-

April on bid rumours. A source lowed to sell shares. There is no guidance in the trusts deeds."

However, analysts believe it should not be an obstacle; "There are only four trustees and one of them is Kalamazoo's company secretary and another is an employee. If they wanted to recommend an offer they could do it," said one. Analysts beliere Lynx did not want to be drawn into a formal hid, but would wait to see the outcome of the current talks. "They may come hack." Mr Davidson denied the company was stalling on talks; "It's not a question of being rejuctant. We are obliged to consider all offers." Shares in Kalamazoo fell 3,5p to 84p.

## Sid should hold on to his BG shares

the dust has harely had time to settle on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report on British Gas (all 400 pages of it) and things have already gone remarkably quiet. A year ago the company warned the 1.7 million Sids who make up its shareholder hase of im-

pending financial chaos. As recently as February, when the old British Gas split into BG and Centrica, the management warned the dividend could be wiped out if the company "lost" in the MMC report. Yet when the details finally emerged the shares went up. Yesterday they slipped just 0.5p to 218.5p.

For Sid this is apparently no longer the "biggest smash and grah raid ever" that was originally hilled, despite the fact that the headline price formula seems worse than Ofgas's final proposals. Bizarrely, City analysts were yesterday actually raising their dividend forecasts for BG as it emerged that the company had won some important concessions.

On the face of it the statistics are grim. The MMC said BG's assets, including pipelines and buildings, were worth £11.6bn, rather than the £17bn in the group's accounts, on which it can earn a 7 per cent rate of return each year. By the stroke of an accountant's pen, the company will change its accounting policy and write-off no less than £5bn from

The trick for BG is that by writing down its assets, the annual depreciation charge drops by around £300m. Of course at the same time the MMC has cut its reveoues by some £380m a year, reflecting the £29 cut in average gas hills for domestic cus-tomers this year. But putting the two together leaves the reduction in BG's profits at a more manageable £100m,

on paper at least.

Better still for BG was that while the public scaremongering was going on, the underlying performance of Transco, the pipeline division, was improving all the time that the MMC probe continued. BG said that 10,000 jobs could go if Ofgas won, yet 4,500 staff had already left the company when the report was published, boost-

ing productivity.
It also revealed that there is £285m in revenues to carry forward to this year from undercharging in the prior year, all of which will reduce the 21 per cent price cut forced on BG by the MMC to a 5 per cent revenue reduction in the current period.

The biggest relief for Sid is that BG will pay a dividend when it reports its results in September. It may not he the 14.5p paid during the last year of British Gas as a combined group, but

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and much better than the zero some gloomsters were predicting. That suggests Sid would not be wrong to keep on holding the shares.

### Cellnet holds Securicor back

recuricor shares have been poor performers since the security to mobile telephones group moved belatedly last year to sort out its excessively complicated share structure. Part of the reason for that was reflected in yesterday's results.

Interim profits to March were slashed from £47.6m to £19.1m by a string of exceptional charges, some of which were heralded at the time of a March profit warning, but some of which are new. All, however, tend to reflect the group's inability to control its own destiny.
As previously announced, Securicor

is taking an £18m hit for the accelerated amortisation of the cost of incentives - mainly subsidised hand-

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Operating profit by business (2m)

Turnover (£m)

it is likely to be around 8p - enough to yield a very reasonable 4.6 per cent cellular Services (SCS), the service provider, is forced to give new mobile telephone subscribers to persuade them to sign up to the Cellnet network.

Along with the £3.9m trading loss at SCS, this reflects the increasingly poor quality of subscribers in the business and the costs of the switch from the analogue to the digital

service. The less well-flagged problem stemmed from Securicor's 40 per cent stake in Collnet itself, which has announced a £25m provision for cost overruns and delays on its Force billing and customer service system, originally

budgeted at £70m.

While Cellnet's performance is improving - the group's digital network has now overtaken that of more recent entrants Orange and One-2-One - the provision just highlights how little control Securicor has over the management of an underperforming husiness which dominates its results. Before the charge, Cellnet contributed £43m to operating profits in these figures, a 22 per cent rise.

As long as the Government continues to block the sale of the stake to partners British Telecom - and

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Share price (pence)

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Labour has yet to show its hand on this - Securicor will not be able to resolve this problem, or that of SCS, which would form a natural fit with Cellnet. Until this is sorted out, the growing potential of the other husinesses will

not emerge.

So with full-year profit forecasts cut to around £103m before exceptionals, the forward price-earnings ratio of 25 looks high enough. Unattractive.

## Holding Court outside the UK

Yourts' relentiess success as an international retailer explains its lofty rating. While the likes of Laura Ashley and even Marks & Spencer have struggled in expanding outside the UK, Courts, with its cheap sofas, refrigerators and carpets, has, perhaps surprisingly, gone down a storm in far-off places such as South-east Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean, which together make up more than 80 per cent of profits. Meanwhile Courts has managed to maintain respectable growth in the tougher UK market.

Its success overseas – sales grew 25 per cent to £272m despite an £18m hit from currency movements - reflects a number of factors.

First, Third World economies are growing fast and a one-stop shop for kitting out houses which also offers credit is both rare and attractive. Courts also benefits from centralised purchasing, which means it can hay white goods from the US and electricals from Japan in hulk at vastly reduced prices. Courts' plans to expand in still largely untapped areas such as Indonesia look promising.

Though the UK is a stickier market, Courts has done well with like-for-like sales a healthy 24 per cent ahead and profits up by over a half to £7.8m. The driver was interest-free credit and Courts' superstore format.

Though only 40 of the group's 90 UK shops are superstores, at over three times the size of the high street format and with family-friendly features such as children's play areas, they generate more than 80 per cent of UK sales.

Plans to push deeper into the North of England, opening eight to 10 stores each year for the next few years, makes sense, with scope particularly for leveraging advertising costs.

Meanwhile, building society wind-

falls, the housing market recovery and expansion into fast-growing South-ern Ireland should pay off. Nat West forecasts £32.5m, putting the shares, up 2.5p to 572.5p, on a deserved forward p/e ratio of 20. Hold on.

## Jarvis Hotels to spend more on health clubs

**Magnus Grimond** 

Jarvis Hotels, which paid £16m undertake a £30m capital expenditure programme over the next 18 months to extend its existing huildings and add more

The chief executive, John Jarvis, said the group remained alert to acquisition opportunities, but organic growth offered higher returns.

The plans include the construction of four more Sebastthe total in the group to 21, he

has been retained as technical director to the group for a further five years, Mr Jarvis said. His comments came as the group, which floated at 175p a

ian Coe hranded health club fl18m, while carnings per share complexes in the year, taking were up from 10.7p to 13.7p. Mr Jarvis said they had de-

The former Olympic athlete share a year ago, announced a 29 per cent jump in profits to

The group is paying a final dividend of 2p, making a total of 3p for the nine-month period covered since the flotation or an annual total of 4p on a pro forma basis. Gearing fell from 177 per cent to 40 per cent over in the process of further reducing borrowings by selling six clubs were one factor in the im-

£24.1m for the year to March. of its smaller botels, with one provement in group operating of the UK economy. There is no Turnover grew 16 per cent to sale already completed since the

livered exactly what they had undertook to do in the flotation prospectus - "increase turnover, improve margin, deliver substantially increased profits and, through acquisitions and capital investment, build an even the 12 months. The company is stronger portfolio for the future." Mr Jarvis said the health

sector and we are happy to retain that level," he added.

He remained optimistic about the outlook for the industry, countering any sugges-tion that the huoyant UK hotel market might be reaching the peak of a cycle.

"The current strength is totally to do with the strength

margins from 32 to 33.5 per cent such thing as a hotel cycle. It is last year. "Those margins are the best in the middle market as it remains strong so will our

Separately, Thistle Hotels announced it was raising £60m of 7% per cent debenture stock maturing in 2022 to replace existing borrowings. The final redemption yield was set at 7.961 per cent after the price was set at £99.075 per £100 nominal of

	Compa	iny Resu	lts	
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Caledonia Invest (F)	- ( <del>-</del> )	75.7m (40.2m)	68.3p (30.7p)	49p (18p)
Courts (F)	424m (336m)	29.5m (22.7m)	22.26p (20.14p)	3.75¢ (3p)
Cox Insurance (F)	- ( <del>-</del> )	17.1m (1.3m)	73.8p (3.6p)	3.85p (niii)
ED&F Mass (F)	- (-)	85.2m (81.1m)	22p (21 4p)	10.7p (10 1p)
Gernard Group (F)	- (-)	17 75m (22.22m)	20.1p (32.1p)	16p (23p)
Jaryis (15 mth)	261.2m (76 4m)	15 16m (509.000)	15.6p (1.2p)	5.5p (nii)
Jarris Hotels (15 path)	118.2m (101.7m)	16m (9,12m)	70 1p (8.7p)	2.0p
James Lathau (F)	82.9m (79.6m)	2.1m (1.4m)	27.9p (21.5p)	7.75p (6.25p)
Metrotect (gds (F)	15 7m (13.4m)	925,000 (106,000)	2.84p (0.43p)	1p (0.7p)
Securicor (I)	674m (612ni)	19.1m (47.6m)	1.6p (5.1p)	0.39p (0.354p)
Symonds (F)	30.9m (14.2m)	2.69m (1 45m)	3.6p (4.5p)	1.8p (1.5p)
John 2 Wood (F)	9 4m (7.6m)	1.64m (729.000)	12.2p (5.4p)	3 75p
Culligotti (F)	10.8m (12.3m)	653,000 (-676,000)	1.46p (-1.51p)	nii
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### Safeway moves into Ireland

Hambro bids £12m

for John D Wood

terday

Mr Homersham stands to residential sales offices.

Magnus Grimond

Safeway, the food retailing group, is following its mainland rivals J Sainsbury and Tesco across the Irish Sea by teaming up with Tony O'Reilly's Fitzwilton group in an 1R£77m (£74m) deal to establish 19 stores in Northern Ireland.

Safeway Stores (Ireland), the equally-owned joint venture, will huy nine of Fitzwilton's food stores trading under the Wellworth name, the leading chain in Northern Ireland, and lease mother six while developing four outlets,

The move will catapult Safeway into number two position in the province behind Tesco. which has 34 stores following a deal to huy Associated British Foods outlets earlier this year. Safeway plans to use the bridge-

Magnus Grimond

Hambro Countrywide, the UK's

largest estate agency, yesterday

made its second foray into the

London property market in

three months, agrecing an £11.9m hid for John D Wood,

the Mavfair-based estate agents.

If the takeover goes through, it will bring a windfall of £4.7m

to the joint chairmen, lan

Homersham and George Pope.

who brought the business to the

Unlisted Securities Market at

144p a share in 1987 and have

committed the near-40 per cent

stake they control to the hid.

head established in the north to

expand southwards.
Safeway said it had been working on the Irish plans for the past seven months. Teaming up with Wellworth, which had traded throughout the Troubles, meant Safeway would retain political balance, said

equity capital, will buy the nine stores for 1R£67.4m (£61.8m) and spend around £5m on each store to add petrol stations and general refurbishment. The resulting average cost of under £11m a store compared with more than £16m to build one on the mainland. Mr Laffin said.

The Irish group has sold the remaining 21 Wellworth stores to Musgrave, a private company, in an IR£67m deal.

net around £3m. Wood's shares fell 0.5p to 145.5p yesterday,

having risen 15p the day before.

cash offer does not represent

much of an advance on the orig-

inal listing price, even though

shareholders will be entitled to

retain a second interim dividend

of 25p a share declared ves-

The announcement came

alongside news of a bounce in

pre-tax profits from £729,000 to

£1.64m for Wood in the year to

April. The company recorded a

29 per cent jump in turnover

from its nine central London

However, the 145p-a-share

Simon Laffin, finance director. The joint venture, into which each party is putting £10m of

### British cable and satellite television company Flextech has agreed to sell its entire 23 per cent stake in AIM-quoted HIT

Flextech sells 23 per cent stake in HIT

IN BRIEF

Entertainment. Flextech said it would realise £7.5m from the sale compared to an initial investment of £625,000 in 1990. HIT is no longer a

strategic shareholding for Flextech and we are taking this opportunity to realise a significant return on our original investment. the company said.

Flextech's statement came after HIT said it would raise about £8.1m net through a two-for-seven rights issue at a price of 270p per share. It plans to seek a full listing on the Stock Ex-

### Ushers calls for changes to duty rates

Ushers of Trowbridge, the brewing and pub group which floated in March, is urging the Government to re-examine duty rates

The company, which yesterday announced a first-half maid-en dividend of 0.6p, wants the rates to be brought into line with Europe.

### Gerrard profits hit by merger costs

Gerrard Group's full-year profits were his by the costs of merging with King and Shaxson and a profits slide at the futures and options broker, GNI. Profit before tax was down to £17.8m from £27.2m last year.

### TI wins contracts worth \$270m

Ti Group said it had won a total of \$270m of new business at the Paris Airshow. The latest contract included an agreement to supply British Acrospace Airbus with landing gear systems.

### Record profits at ED&F Man

ED&F Man, the commodities group, reported record full-year profits after a strong performance in financial services. Pretax profit was up by 5 per cent to £85.2m above City forecasts, which came in at between £78m and £84m.

### Siebe cleared to acquire APV

The European Commission said it had cleared Siebe to acquire the UK's APV by way of a public offer.

Market overlaps were limited to automatic ordering systems for industry and did not raise competition worries, the commission said.

### Pre-tax profits up at Caledonia

Pre-tax profits at Caledonia Investment rose to £75.7m (£40.2m), helped by the inclusion of the group's 25 per cent share in the profits of Close Brothers for a full year. Otherwise its investment in Sterling Industries and Ivory & Sime made welcome improvements.

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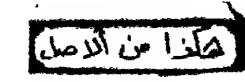
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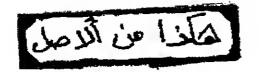
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## French swoop on GrandMet adds spirit to late trading

Bernard Arnault enlivened a deadly dull stock market. The French tycoon's tea-time swoop on Grand Metropolitan sent turnover bubbling over 1 billion shares and pushed the nation's three leading spirit groups sharply higher.
GrandMet jumped 17.5p to

603.5p and its would-be partner, Guinness, 15p to 605p.
But it was Allied Domecq,
the Beefeater gin and Teacher's whisky group which would be a casualty of any

GrandMet/Guinness deal, which stole the show. As the market closed there was a sudden rush to buy and Allied, which had been bumping along near its all-time low, enjoyed the distinction of heading the blue-chip leader board

with a 13.5p gain to 428p.

the attention of Seagram, the Canadian group which would be hit by the creation of a new and powerful spirit giant.

There was also talk of Allied linking with other spirits group such as Pernod Ricard of France or the unquoted Bacardi rum husiness.

In early trading Allied shares were friendless, off 7p. The sudden buying enthusiasm took Seaq recorded turnover to approaching 13.5 million. Mr Amault's LVMH luxury goods group, which runs the Moet Hennessy Champagne and Cognac group with Guinness as a minority shareholder. seems to have acquired 126 million GrandMet shares, most at 630p. It is thought the

vast majority came from Mcr-cury Asset Management.



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

Laing and NatWest Securities made cautious noises. Imper-

Idea is to put pressure on the proposed GrandMet/Guinness deal to form GMG Brands. Mr Arnault is against the alliance Then New York opened on a surprisingly positive note. And Footsie, which had been down 27.9 points, scampered to catch up, ending 3.3 lower and favours a three-way link involving the GrandMet and at 4,653.7. Guinness wine and spirit op-BICC, the cables and construction group, eased to 181.5p as Credit Lyonnais

crations and Moet Hennessy. LVMH has 14 per cent of Guinness. At one time it had 24 per cent. In January the French group sold around 7 per cent at 414p. It now has 14.2 The rest of the market was

made to look a little foolish by

ifax moved ahead in anticipation of Monday's elevation to pany produced £189.2m. Footsie. A&L rose 11p to 599p and Halifax 10.5p to 745p.

BSkyB, the satellite broad-

caster, had another downbeat session, falling 13.5p to 508p.

RioTinto's copper-inspired run came to an end with the shares off 19p to 1,065.5p.

Kalamazoo, the computer group shaded 3p to 84p as would-be bidder Lynz, up 1.5p to 102.5p, walked away. Mc-Donnell Information Systems gave up 6p to 28p as it progave up 6p to 28p as it pro-duced its umpteenth profit

RJB Mining fell 15.5p to 346p. A profits downgrading by the company's stockbroker, BZW, did the damage. Al-

Former building societies crashed 112.5p to 372.5p when Alliance & Leicester and Hal-BZW cut last year's forecast to £192m. In the event the com-

Birmingham City, the foot-ball club, held at 38p. David Sullivan and the Gold brothers, who control the club, have picked up a further 50,000 shares at 37p. The were sold

shares at 37p. The were sold to investors at 50p in February.

Mid States, the US car parts group which reached 122p a few years ago, fell 6.25p to 12p following a trading warning. West 175 Enterprises, a US TV producer, added 5p to 85p after clinching a deal to develop and produce BBC serves. Russian shareholders have a big stake; so has the World Bank.

[Farringford, backed by enterpreneur Trevor Hemmings, returned to market following the takeover of Lingfield Park racecourse. One deal went through at 18.5p. From today develop and produce BBC

programmes. Owen & Robinson, the retail chain, firmed to 11p. In a share exchange it is bidding 63p a share for Ofex traded

Aminex, with oil and gas interests in the former Soviet Union, gained 2p to 76.5p. There is speculation it is on the verge of clinching a long rumoured deal in Tatarstan, 450 miles from Moscow. which could add a remarkable 3 hillion barrels to its re-

serves. Russian shareholders

Bruntcliffe Aggregates. Bodfari (Quarries), an unquoted Welsh group, has lifted its stake to 9.38 per cent; Aggre-gate Industries has 23 and

through at 18.5p. From today it will be called Arena Leisure.

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CWC's talks with Sky over pay-per-view may be stalled. Cathy Newman reports

## Cable firms look for a Holly wood ticket

Talks between Cable & Wireless Communications and BSkyB about launching a joint pay-perview service may have suffered a setback after Sky was told to drop its equity stake in British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), one of the consortia bidding for the digital terrestrial television

Cable and satellite operators have been making overtures to the Hollywood studios - Disney, Universal, MGM, Warner, Paramount and Sony - for some time, lately with some urgency. Before BSkyB was ordered to pull out of BDB over competition worries the satellite operator had been making impressive headway in negotiations with CWC about a joint pay-per-view service. An announcement had been expected within weeks.

However, one source said yesterday that if Sky were to pull out of British Digital Broad-casting. CWC may decide to throw its lot in with the other cable companies in securing studio rights, rather than sleep-

ing with the enemy, Sky.

Despite advanced talks with
Sky, CWC bas been careful not to close any doors in tying up content for digital cable. Hence the fact that CWC has joined Telewest in a consortium called On Demand Management, which is trying to tie up film deals on behalf of the

An agreement on these talks is also due soon, but not until CWC has committed itself elther to Sky or the cable industry. The company's spokesman

cision on which party to back was still some way off.
"We are keen to keep all our

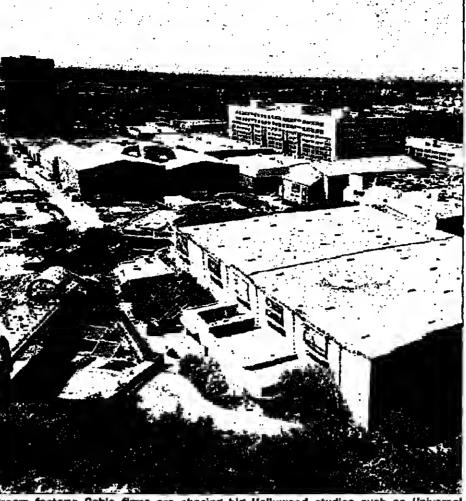
options open. We're still looking at where our content is coming from," he said.

So far, pay-per-view events where consumers pay to view a specific film or sporting fixture have been limited to four boxing events negotiated by Sky. But the advent of digital television will open the way for a range of pay-per-view oppor-tunities, especially in the film

industry. The proliferation of channels promised by the switch from analogue to digital technology will enable individual movies to be shown at roughly 15-minute intervals on different channels - what's known as near-videoon-demand

As Neil Blackley, media analyst at Merrill Lynch, explains: "To show movies on a near-video-on-demand hasis. you probably need 100 channels showing 20 movies around eight months after theatrical release." According to Mr Blackley's own forecasts, based on similar services operating in the States, the average cable or satellite subscriber makes two pay-per-view film purchases a month, at around £3 a time.

And the stakes are high, with revenues from movie services expected to approach £1bn within a decade, according to the industry magazine, Broad-cast. As a spokesman for Cable & Wireless Communications says: "There's £1.3bn spent on video rental each year in the UK. We'd like a slice of that,



Dream factory: Cable firms are chasing big Hollywood studios such as Universal above) since Sky tied up lucrative pay-p

ambitious, but, at this stage, largely under wraps. A third of up to 200 channels offered by digital satellite would be dedicated to pay-per-view, which would include not only sporting events and movies, but also niche channels for which consumers would be prepared to pay extra.

For example, a Mancbester United channel, featuring some exclusive matches, would be a possibility. The electronic programme guide, which enables you to find your way round the hundreds of different channels, would also allow viewers to structure their own viewing schedule by mixing and matching different pay-per-view sports and movies events.

Pay-per-view prospects on igital terrestrial depend on

FINANCIAL TIMES

Pay-per-view plans are the outcome of the Independent Television Commission's deliberations. Digital Television Network, the group backed by the cable company NTL, has pledged to offer six pay-per-view sport and movie channels. However, BDB did not make any promises on pay-per-view in its application.

According to some analysts, pay-per-view movie services provide the cable companies with their big break. Although digital technology will allow Sky to provide many more channels than it can currently, transmitting by satcllite still limits the number. Cable, by contrast, has virtually limitless capacity, and could, according to one cable operator "do 500 different channels in 500 different areas" if it chose to,

the linchpin of CWC's digital service, and the company may use up to 80 channels to show the top 20 movies on release at any one time at half-bourly intervals.

Cable companies are going for broke on the film rights, in part because sport is pretty well sewn up by Sky. Rupert Murdoch's operator has an option on pay-per-view Premier League matches following Sky's £670m deal last June. The rights would be well worth having, with UBS estimating that Premier League pay perview matches will be worth nearly £450m by 2002.

With those kind of sums at stake, cable and satellite operators may be forgiven for saying there's all to play for before digital television gets under Pay-per-view is expected to be way in earnest.

## Barclays Bank falls foul of the laws of Lawson

Lord Lawson of Blaby, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and sometime diet guru, trousers £31,000 a year as a non-executive director of Barclays Bank. Shareholders in Barclays and Lord Lawson's fellow directors should therefore make a point of perusing a recently published collection of writings on investment, The Investor's Anthology; Original Ideas from the Industry's Greatest Minds.

The book reprints an article the then Nigel Lawson penned in 1963 when he was City Editor of the Sunday Telegraph, headed "Seven rules for investors". The question is, does Barclays

pass these rules?
The list of rules starts with: "Avoid companies whose chairman's photograph is published more than four times a year." Barclays should be OK there - photos of chairman Andrew Buxton are hardly ever seen these days, outshone as he is by former Courtaulds maunée idol Martin Taylor.

Lord Lawson's second rule is: "Avoid companies that publish their halance sheet in front of their profit and loss account in the final report. Again Barclays passes with flying colours. Uh-ob. Rule three says; "Invest in companies whose chairman is less than 5'8" tall." That's blown it. Mr Buxton towers well

over 6 foot.
On to rule four: "Assess the board on the points system as follows - one point for every director, and an extra point for every peer, marshal. More than 15 points disqualifies, or more than 20 in the case of hanks and insurance companies.

Here Barclays just squeezes through with 14 points, including two points for Lord Lawson himself, the only peer. Fifth: "Avoid companies

who hold their annual general meetings at awkward PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Wordsmith: Nigel Lawson wrote the rules in 1963

times or in unlikely places." No problem there. Barclays' agm was on a Tuesday in April at the QEII conference centre in Westminster.

But wait for rule six "Avoid companies who have just moved into a lush head office." The reasonably new clearing bank head office in Bishopsgate is pretty lush, while BZW is just moving into a veritable palace in Canary Wharf, down Docklands way.

Barclays does OK on the last rule: Bad figures take longer to add up than good ones." It always publishes figures on time. But sbareholders should still be wary of a stock that fails two of the Laws of Lawson.

May I welcome the Italian cricket team, who have just arrived to commence a tour of England. On Wednesday the UK branch of Generali, the team's Italian sponsors. held a reception for the team at their City offices in Fenchurch Street. Incidentally. I am informed the Italian for "Howzai?" is "Com'e

The 66-page offer for subscription document published by Audio Books and Music Holdings repays careful reading. The company, which started operations in May last year, is seeking to raise £1.5m. It supplies audio books to retailers.

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Page 55 of the document lists the previous directorships of David Selby, ABM's chairman. John Cooper, managing director, and Hugo Robson, a non-exec. (A finance director and sales director are being sought.)
It tells us that Mr Selby

was a director of Alliance Property and Construction and its subsidiary, APC Management Contractors, which suffered heavily in the prop-erty crash of 1991/92 and were ultimately wound up after bank LPA receivers had been appointed".

The document goes on: "In 1991 an associated group of seven companies, whose main trading company was Savage Transformers Limited, went into receivership.

And there's more: "In 1995
the companies forming the school textbook supply divi-sion of the Foyles Educational Group was put into receivership. The change in the structure of Government financing to schools materially affected the school book supply market."

Turning the page, we find: "Hugo Robson was a nonexecutive director of London **Executor and Trustee Limit**ed, a fund management company. This ceased trading in November 1987 and subsequently was put into liquidation.

John Cooper was a direc-tor of Posb Entertainment Limited. This was wound up by the Official Receiver in March 1996."

I wonder what Lord Lawson of Blaby would make of

John Willcock

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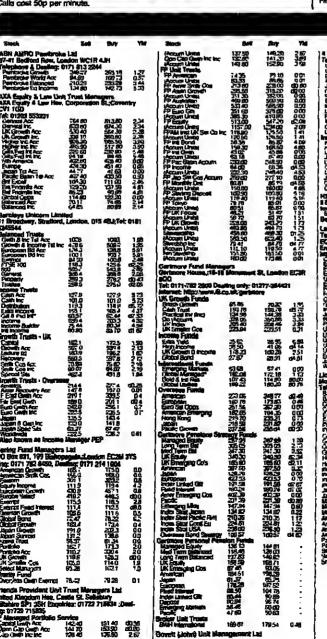
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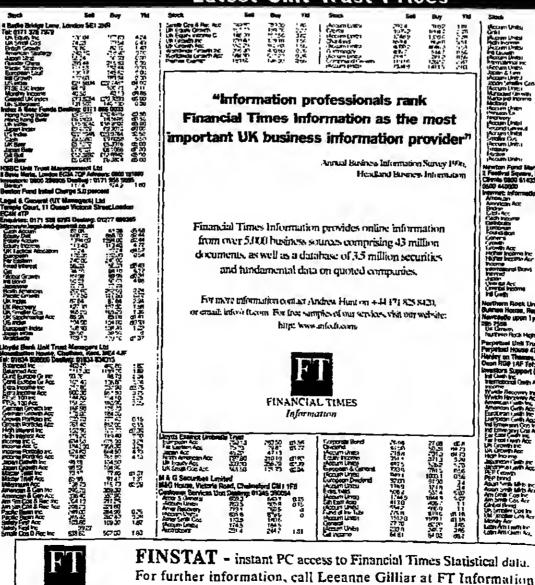
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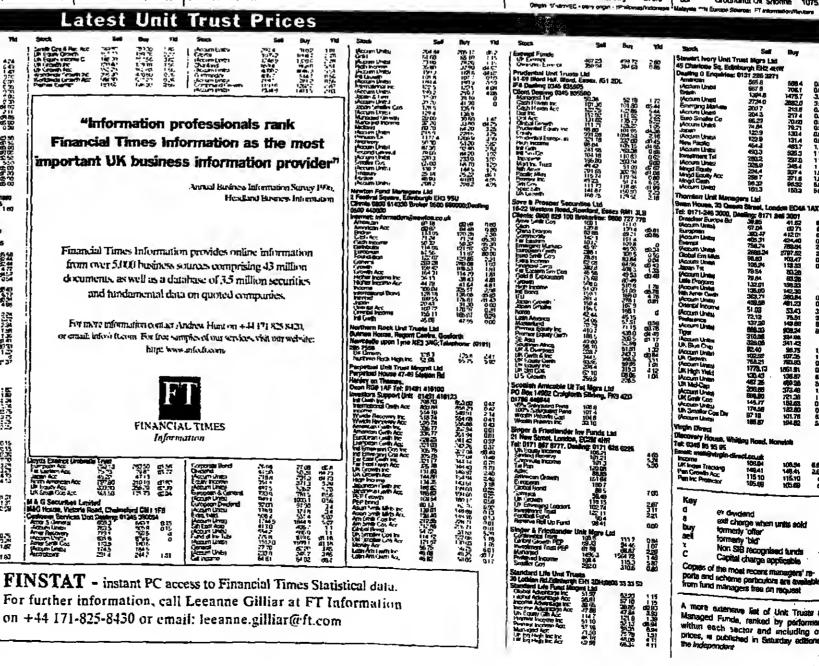
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## **Drakes** at full sail for Sussex

### Cricket

MIKE CAREY reports from Derby Sussex 200-9 dec Derbyshire 209-8

Not much appears to separate days in terms of internal strife. and there was little between them when the third stoppage of the day ended a low-key contest yesterday.

Though there was probably less help for the bowlers once the new ball had lost its hardness, Sussex took their cue from an inspired opening spell by Vasbert Drakes and will now consider themselves back in a match that could have slipped away from them on the first day.

There is no doubt scope yet for a few twists and turns. though so far both sides have unsurprisingly bowled better than they have batted in these conditions and more cloud cover ensured that batsmen would again have to work hard.

It was not immediately obvious to the spectators why as more circumspect Vince Clarke

before play could start after an early lunch; then, though there was less movement off the seam, the ball still swung and Drakes made the most of it.

Two weeks ago Tim Tweats amassed 248 against Sussex's second XI, Derbyshire's highest individual score at that lev-Derbyshire and Sussex these el. But now he found himself in a different world and probably had his education furthered by Drakes, who beat him with a series of rapid outswingers before removing his off-stump.

Soon afterwards Kim Barnett was late on another quickish ball which also hit his off-stump, and for the second successive day Chris Adams found himself in isolation. He made the first half century of a low-scoring match and could have taken his side to a position of strength had he been able to introduce a degree of selectivity. But selectivity has never been his forte. Maybe one day it will dawn on him that he should make bowlers earn his wicket, but not yet, it seems. Aiming to pick up Mark Robinson, he was caught off a steepling top edge, leaving the many as 28 overs had to be lost to hold the innings together.

### Yorkshire in control

JON CULLEY

reports from Trent Bridge Yorkshire 364 Nottinghamshire 116-4

Rain throughout the morning delayed the start until lunchtime and showers in the afternoon limited play to 31 overs here yes-terday. There was time chough, though, for Yorkshire to pick up a fifth bonus point and tighten their grip on the match. With their top-order gone, Nottinghamshire still need the best part of 100 more runs to avoid the

Before the weather closed in. they might pull Nottinghamshire out of trouble. Such fluful wicket than their Notting-

hamshire counterparts had on Wednesday.

It was a good day, particularly for Craig White. He has made only a modest contribution to Yorkshire's season so far, with hardly a run to his name and no more than a scattering of wickets. Yesterday, however, something evidently clicked, for he was able to bowl a testing line at a fairly fierce pace and was duly rewarded with three wickcts, all of which came in the space of 20 deliveries. White dismissed Tim Robin-

son with the aid of a fine catch by David Byas at second slip be-fore Paul Pollard, looking to work the ball through mid-Paul Johnson and Nathan As-tle were beginning to look as if Richard Stemp took a sharp low chance. The threesome was completed when Mathew Dowpaid the price.



## **Australians wind down**

### Football

Terry Venables' Australia side madefew new friends yesterday

when they laboured to a 2-0 win

over Tahiti in a World Cup qualifie<u>r</u> in Sydncy. The former Queen's Park Rangers midfielder Ned Zelic scored Australia's opener with a fine volley in the 17th minute before Paul Trimboli sealed the victory with four minutes remaining. The former England coach's team lacked invention

in a disappointing display, but play-off against New Zealand. and Peru joined Brazil, Para- teams.

The winners will play an Asian guay, Argentina and Ecuador in the quarter-finals.

Argentina had drawn I-1 side for a place in next year's

World Cup finals in France. with Paraguay on Tuesday to fin-In the Copu America, the bosts Bolivia averted a possible ish second in Group A, earning a quarter-final tie against the second-placed team in Group B. Earlier on Tuesday, the Copa walk-out by Argentina when they beat Urugusy I-0 in La Paz on Wednesday to win Group B. America organisers had an-Argentina's coach, Daniel nounced that if Bolivia finished Passarella, had threatened to second in Group B, their quar-ter-final would be switched take his team home because of an alteration in the rules that

would have changed the venue of their quarter-final to high alto La Paz. titude La Paz if Bolivia had fin-Sucre is 2,700 metres above sea level, only slightly higher than Argentina's first-round The Argentinian threat domency, however, was rare — man, still enjoying the feel of a they have already won Group lovely square-driven four, was greater appreciation of a help-

from Sucre, its original venue,

### Blackburn battle for **Swiss** playmaker

ALAN NIXON

Roy Hodgson's Blackburn Rovers are competing with the German club Bundesliga Kai-serslautern for the Swiss midfielder, Ciriaco Sforza. Rovers have already offered £3m to Hodgson's old club, Internazionale, for the skilful Sforza - but now face a fight to capture him

for next season. Sforza played for Kaiserslautern earlier in his career, and the newly promoted club confirmed their interest yesterday and revealed they had also made a hid. Their coach, Otto Rehhagel, said: "Inter have told us he is available, so we have a chance of signing him. We know there is opposition but we are keen to have him back."

Hodgson does not officially take control at Ewood Park until I July, but he also has moves for the French right-hack Patrick Valery, the Swedish striker Martin Dahlin and two other Swiss internationals, Stéphane Chapuisat and Stéphanc Henchoz, on the go.

The Huddersfield manager Brian Horton is trying to sign Peter Beagrie from his old club, Manchester City. Beagric joined City for £1. Im but is now available at around £300,000. Swindon have also made a move for him.

Celtic's Scottish international left-back Tosh McKinlay is discussing possible transfers to Wolves and Queen's Park Rangers. Hc will decide which First Division club to join in the next 48 hours after rejecting a new contract at Parkhead.

McKinlay's fellow Celtic player, Peter Grant, is another target for Wolves, who are also interested in Gareth Farrelly, Aston Villa's Republic of Ireland midfielder.

Stoke have offered their

striker Mike Sheron a two-year contract extension in a guest to head off interest from Birmingham City and Queen's Park Rangers. The deal would keep the prolific Sheron at the Potteries until 2001, as he has another two years to run on his present contract.

Stoke have refused Walsall coach Mike Pejic about their managerial vacancy.

### Ryder hopefuls put in shade

JOHN OAKLEY

reports from Stuttgart

A dozen of the top 20 players in the Ryder Cup points table are in the Volvo German Open field, but none from lan Woosnam to Bernhard Langer could break 70 in the first round here yesterday.

On a day when 32 lesserknown golfers shot 69 or better, the best the Cup hopefuls could achieve were rounds of 70 by Langer, Sam Torrance and Peter Mitchell, with Woosnam next on 71 along with Padraig Harrington and Ross McFarlane. While the bigger names strug-

gled on a course considerably toughened from last year. Mike Weir, of Canada, Rolf Muniz, of the Netherlands, Spain's Ignacio Garrido and England's Van Phillips all went round in 65 to be joint leaders on six under par,

Having started at the 10th. Weir, a 27-year-old left-hander hardly known in Europe, had a blistering run from the 17th to the fifth of six hirdies and an eaglc. He had also had two earlier hirdies hut his round was spoiled by a bad start and a poor finish. He dropped three shots in his first two holes and then needing a par four at the ninth. his last hole, for the outright

lead he had another bogey.

Garrido, the 25-year-old from Madrid, had earlier bogeyed the ninth hole when be. too, needed a par four to go to seven under.

Woosnam, who won this event last year when the tour-nament was reduced to 54 holes because of thunderstorms, shot a two-over-par 38 for the first nine holes and said: "I just drove badly."

But the 39-year-old Welshman, who is hoping for a top-four placing to extend his lead at the top of the Order of Merit, had hirdies at the 10th and 18th to hring his score back to level par.

Last year he was 20 under par for his three rounds. "The course is now two or three shots harder and after my poor start 1'm pretty glad to have a par round. There's still plenty of time to make up ground," he said.

Langer, who, like Woosnam, has been suffering from back trouble, said he had no problems vesterday and was reasonably satisfied with his 70. But other Ryder Cup prospects, particularly Per-Ulrich Johansson, of Sweden, and Italy's Costantino Rocca, who both shot 72. France's Jean Van de Velde, who shot 73. and David Gilford, Roger Chapman and David Carter, each with 75, need to improve or face missing the half-way cut.

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### Morley out in front

Britain's Joanne Morley repeated her opening round 67 on the second day of the Evian Masters in France yesterday to take an outright lead.

With a 10-under-par halfway aggregate of 1.34. Morley leads by two strokes from Yorkshire's Alison Nicholas, who shares second place with Hiromi Kobayashi from Japan.

Morley, winner of the German Open last year, hit six hirdies in her round and only once went over par when she took three from the edge of the green for a bogey five at the 13th

Nicholas made a fate hurst to move alongside Kohayashi when she birdied each of the last three holes to come home in 34 for her 68.

But it was another disappointing day for Laura Davies, the holder, who resorted to permission to approach their | putting left-handed on the 12th green, on her way to a frustrating second round of 70. It

left Davies at level par on 144 but she trails 10 strokes behind

The course is great, everything is great, but I can't make a damn putt. It's destroying me. Davies said. "I only holed two putts all day and those, thank goodness were for eagles."

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AMERICAN EXPRESS TOUR EVIAN MASTERS (Royal Club, Brign, IY) Leading second-round sonroes (88 or H unless stated): 134 J Morley 87 67, 136 H vobeyashi Upn) 69 67; A Nicholas 68 68, 137 A Alcon (US) 67 70, 139 S Wang (Aug) 70 69, 340 V Skinner (US) 72 68, 340, C Blaytor, (US) 74 67; I Hachrey 71 70, 142 M-L de Lorenci (P) 73 69; M Horth (Swe) 72 70; H Affredson (Swe) 72 70; C Hj Koch (Swe) 71 71, 143 C Scrensam (Swe) 74 69; M Koch (Ger) 73 70; K Marshell 72 71; P Stemer (Swe) 71, 72, 344 P Meuner Leboux (P) 77 67; K Onum (Den) 75 69; L Davies 74 70; L Fairclough 74 70; E Kruth (Sp) 73 71; M Lum (Aus) 71 73, 345 N Lowden (Aus) 76 71; C Ranch (US) 75 70; AM Knight (Aus) 75 71; C Ranch (US) 75 71; W Davies 74 72; A Gottmo (Swe) 73 73; L Brooky (N2) 71,75; T Johnson 70 76, 347 K Lum (Aus) 76 71; F Dassu (b) 74 73; D Reid 74 73; L Mernen (US) 73; L Reid 74 73; L Mernen (US) 73; L Brooky (N2) 71; M Hammen (US) 73; L Med Stewart 78 7D; S Mendiburu (F) 78 A48 5 Stewar, 78 7D; S Mendburu (F1 75 70; J Mills (Aus) 77 71; M Hageman (Neth) 77 71; L Menz; (SA) 76 72; F Pike (Aus) 78 72; M Heatblom (Swe) 75 73; A Arnal (Sp) 75 73; A Scressam (Swe) 1-1 74; K Popprreier (Aut) 72 76.

### Lewis carries bat into **Durham lore**

### Round-up

John Kēc

Jon Lewis became only the second Durham player to carry his bat in a first-class innings against Kent at Darlington yesterday, making 158 not out in his side's 251 all out.

Remarkably, the previous Durham opener to achieve it, Wayne Larkins, made the same score against Gloucestershire at Gareshead three years ago.

Kent struggled in response with Mel Betts taking advantage of overcast conditions with 2 for 24 in the visitors' 138 for 4 after 43.3 overs.

Middlesex's bowling attack were again in form, dismissing Gloucestershire for a dismal 99 at Bristol. In their last Championship match Middlesex reduced Glamorgan to 31 all out to win by an innings, and Richard Johnson led the latest

rout with 4 for 27.
But Middlesex struggled themselves in their second innings, stumbling to 78 for 6 at the close on a questionable wicket, a lead of 216 runs.

Graeme Hick, made a rapid unbeaten 48 for Worcestershire as they responded bravely to Surrey's massive 452 for 9 at New Road. The home side looked set for a beating when Hick arrived after the early loss of Tim Curtis for no score, but he looked composed helping the total to 81 for 1 after 15 overs at the close in partnership with Phil Weston.

Play was abandoned for the day without a ball being bowled at Liverpool where Lancashire play Glamorgan, and there was precious little action at Northampton where Hampshire took their overnight 335 for 4 to 373 for 6 in the 13 overs available.



### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance County Championship (Second day of four; today 11.0)

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7-127, 8-237, 9-245.
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Somerset v Leicestershire BATH: Leicestershire (4pts) are 442 for 6 in their first incings against Somerset (2). Leicestershire won toss 

ished second in their group.

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ROYAL ASCOT: The champion jockey clinches a memorable Gold Cup victory with a perfectly delayed challenge on Celeric

## **Eddery in** a triumph of timing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

There have been many out-standing rides in Pat Eddery's 28-year career but hardly ever have they been accompanied by a flash of emotion. The Gold Cup changed that yesterday. The Irishman executed a ride of such skill and timing on Celeric that he even managed to satisfy his greatest critic, himself. When he came to a stop, his face covered in a rash of mud spots. Eddery smiled at connections and raised a clenched fist in front of him. The mission had, gloriously, been accomplished.

The huge personality of Frankie Dettori dominates racing today, hut he is not champion jockey. That honour belongs to the man who has won the championship 11 times, rid-den around 4,000 winners, 67 of them at the Royal meeting.

Pat Eddery's first, and previously only, victory in the Gold Cup was on Erimo Hawk 25 years ago and, as his prowess and longevity remain closely en-twined. Celeric should not be the last. He will, however, be the most memorable.

It is the gelding's nature that he must be brought to the front with only fractions of his journey remaining. Thus it was no surprise to see Eddery and his partner ambling out of the stalls yesterday. As anticipated, the outriders were Grey Shot and Double Trigger, who carried wide-cupped hlinkers which lent the impression he was wearing sunglasses. Behind them, the order changed but not the position of Celeric, who was glued in last place.

Down the far side, Eddery crept as unnoticed as ivy up hrickwork, and by the time the straight was breached the final push was under way. Celeric slid through the bookends of Douhle Trigger and Samraan and then had just Classic Cliche in front of him. So well was the five-year-old travelling, that his passenger could afford to take a cheeky tug before striking out for the post. At the line there was three-quarters of a length of space behind him.

like that and I just went out caught and passed Hopping

as the owner and trainer let me do what I wanted," Eddery said, "It was marvellous."

That David Morley managed to send out such a positive message was a tribute to his stagecraft. He actually felt dreadful. The trainer heard rain spattering against his bed-room window in the dark hours and felt like climbing out on to the ledge for a closer inspection. "I was in the depths of despair this morning with all that rain having fallen," the Newmarket man said. "I was awake from 4.15am listening to the rain and the more it came down the more despondent I got. I thought he had no chance."

Celeric should be Celeriac, a turnip-rooted variety of celery, but somewhere in the transmission to Weatherbys an "a" went missing. He was hred, appropriately enough, in the back arden of his owner, Christopher pence. "The small stud we have is literally in the garden at home," he said. Celeric's mother, Hot Spice, has produced a engrocers' shelf of offspring as her progeny also includes Sesame, Myrth, Camomile, Turmeric and Zucchini.

Elsewhere, there were victories for figures who do not have to ask for directions to the

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Best Before Dawn (Royal Ascot 3.45) NB: Predappio (Royal Ascot 3.05)

winners' enclosure at the Roy-al meeting. Yashmak was devastating in the Rihhlesdale Stakes for Henry Cecil, while Paul Cole's Central Park provoked a quote of 25-1 for the 1998 2,000 Guineas from Coral with his success in the Chesham Stakes. But perhaps the most warming success was that of Cole's former assistant, Kevin

The only people who fancied his Tippitt Boy in the Norfolk Stakes were probably those who liked the name or devotees of the system of backing the out-sider of six. Tippitt Boy, how-ever, seemed to be unaware that The horse loves to be ridden he was a 33-1 option as he



Grey Shot leads the Gold Cup field round the first bend and away from the stands yesterday with the winner, Celeric, towards the rear

Photograph: Robert Hallam

long. "This is the best day of my life," McAuliffe said. "I've aiways thought he was a good horse, the best two-year-old I have ever trained." To be fair, that particular race does not require much winning.

McAuliffe has been training from Delamere Cottage stables in Lambourn for four years, employing the expertise he colected at Whatcombe, "Paul [Cole] is a very good trainer of me the bottom line is buying young horses, he said. "He taught me that if you buy a sell-ing plater, it will always be a sell-

ing plater.

There were plenty who thought Tippitt Boy was not much above that class before yesterday. After his defeat at Redcar in May one of the trade papers opined that he "might be capable of winning a seller on small track". They were right. Royal Ascot set an atten-dance record for the third successive day yesterday. The Ladies Day crowd of 77,543 beat the previous best of 76.640, set in 1986.

Almaty may be a late withdrawal from today's King's Stand Stakes if the rain-softened

### Oggi can heal wounds cipal supporting act in the King's Stand Stakes, with an 18-

If Thursday at Royal Ascot is Ladies' Day, then the Friday is surely Losers' Day, when smart punters who are showing a profit after the first 18 races retreat from the hattle in a warm haze of self-congratulation, and those with losses to chase steel themselves for a final, desperate rearguard action.

There can, in truth, be little other reason to speculate on the Wokingham Handicap, six furlongs of utterly unpredictable hump and hustle, but as the bookmakers are only too aware, a substantial proportion of the nation's backers are in just such an unfortunate position. Since the Wokingham is the only handicap on this afternoon's card, meanwhile, there are few opportunities to perform the corrective surgery that their hank balances require.

A further complication is the rain which arrived at Ascot yesterday, turning the ground to good, and with more apparently

be of the gluey consistency which seems a speciality of this course. This would, however, offer assistance in assessing the effect of the draw, since soft ground at Ascot tends to favour those on the stands side, and since most of the pace in today's race - in the form of the likes of Seihurstpark Flyer and Bollin Joanne - is already in lownumbered stalls, this is probahly the side to concentrate on,

Take recent form into consideration, meanwhile, and the field condenses into a fairly manageable shortlist, with Bollin Joanne and, above all, OGGI (nap 3.45) the ones to catch the eye. Oggi may be six years old, but he has improved steadily throughout the season and his only reverse in three outings came when he started from an unfavourable draw at Newmarket. Although he is in stall 16 this afternoon, Ray Cochrane will probably tack across to the stands side, and at around 12-I, Peter Makin's sprinter could well be salvation with a leg at each corner.

An intriguing renewal of the Hardwicke Stakes marks the seasonal debut of Lady Carla. last year's Oaks winner, with the 1996 Breeders' Cup Turf winner. Pilsudski, among her uppo-nents. At around 10-1, though, a far better bet is Busy Flight

(next best 3.05), who was not quite a match for these as a three-year-old but seems to have improved with age, while Panama City (4.55), Contrary Mary (2.30) and Old Rouvel (5.30) will also go to post with

runner field almost as difficult

to dissect as that for the previ-

ous race. Ya Malak, a winner at

Epsom on Derby day, has re-

turned to the form which car-

ried him into second place in the

Nunthorpe Stakes at York two years ago, and Alex Greaves, his

jockey, may well become the

first female rider to win one of

Royal Ascot's Pattern events.

but Almaty (4.20) is a better bet to get the visiting American.

Gary Stevens, off the mark for

ROYAL ASCOT

2.30: WANDERING WOLF is reported to be working well and with leading French rider Olivier Peslier booked, apparently better fancied than his stablemate Quiz Show – could emulate Dazzle, who won this last year on her debut, Contrary Mary, easy winner at Lingüeld on her debut, has more o do here but is a danger.

3.05; PILSUDSKI, a well-beaten third to Helissio in the Group One Prix Ganay over an inadequate 1 m 2f 110yds at Longchamp on his reappearance, will be hard to beat if reproducing the form he showed to land the Grade One Breeders' Cup Turf over 1m 4f at Moodbine last autumn. Predapolo, who made Tuesday's brilliant Troup Two Prince Of Wales's Stakes winner, Bosra Sham, pull out most of the stops in the 1m 2f Froup Three Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown last time, is probably even better at this trip and is a hig danger.

3.45: Emerging Market won this race a year ago and, despite being 4lb higher in the handicap, is a tough sort who thrives on the hastle and bustle of big fields. Drawn low last year, this five-yearold is drawn high this time. Also

on the far side is Perryston View rejuvenated by a wind operation. Among the low numbers, Best Before Dawn looks a formidable op-ponent after his six-length Curragh victory two weeks ago. Drawn alongside is the well-backed Bollin Joanne, 6lb higher after her York win last month. But lurking at the foot of the weights is YOU-DONTSAY. From a yard that has returned to form of late, this mare usually records her best nerformances at this time of year and looks a useful each-way bet at the 28-1 available this morning.

4.20: YA MALAK, who showed superb speed to win a rated handl-cap by five lengths in smart time over Epsom's easy five furlongs on Derby day, also has plenty of form over stiffer courses and should make a hold bid. Easycail, a smart sprinter as a two-year-old, cut little ice on his reappearance hut may yet to develop into a smart performer this year. He rates the danger.

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2.30 Wandering Wolf 3.05 Pilsudski (nb) 3.45 Youdontsay

GOING: 1300d.

4.20 Ya Malak 4.55 KINGFISHER MILL (nap) 5.30 General Assembly

STALLS: Straight course - stands DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Dunlop — 26 winners from 1:81 runners gives a success ratio of 18.7% and a profit to a \$1 kvel stake of \$77,96; J Gooden — 18 winners, 11:1 runners, 13.9%, -\$11.56; H Geetl — 16 winners, 83 runners, 19.3%, +\$25,92; M Stoute — 16 winners, 145 runners, 11.3%, -\$37.43.

ELEADING JOCKETYS: L Dettori — 32 winners, 230 rules, 15.6%, +\$1.42; Pat Ed-LEADING JOCKETYS: L Dettori — 32 winners, 230 rules, 15.6%, +\$1.42; Pat Ed-LEADING JOCKETYS: L dery - 30 winners, 233 rides, 12,5%, -542,83; T Quinn - 26 winners, 181 rides, 14,4%.

+\$9.21; J Reid - 25 winners, 205 rides, 12.2%, -\$9.80. BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Hob Returns (visored) (3.45); Aardwolf (visored) (5.30).

LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS (within GB): Prench Holly (5.39) has been sent 214 miles by F Murphy from West Witton, North Portsbure; One Singer 12:301 sent 243 miles by M

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2	.30	WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (CLASS B) £30,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £19,773	BBC	1
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1	-11	CORTACHY CASTLE (11) (D) (Mrs E A Lerpmens 8 Meetian 8 13	at Eddery 11.	36
2	41	LORD KINTYRE (11) M Caneril 8 R Mamon B 11	B Doyle 9	94
3		ONE SINGER (30) (D) (BF) (Dayton Bigley Partnership Ltd) M Johnston B		
4	22	SHEGARDI (16) (BF) The Thomagraped Corporation D Lode: 8 11	G Sterres 6	38
5	13	VICE PRESIDENTIAL (30) (D) (BF) (P D South T Etherneton 8 11	J Reid 7	93
6	1	ALFIGLIA (18) (D) (Bakewell Bloodstock Ltd) P Makin 8 8	S Saoders 1	86
7	316	AURIGNY (40) (D) (DF) U & S Kelly! S Dow 8 8	_T Quios 12	75
8	15	BLUSHING VICTORIA (52) (D) (Paul ) Doort M Meade 9 8	F Norton 3	85
9	23123	CLASSY CLED (28) (D) (BF) (Mrs A Hane) R Hannon 8 8	M Roberts 6	103
10		WANDERING WOLF (Lucayon Stud) # Harmon 8 8		
11		ASPERIAN RUSA) (145) (Goddophan) S ton Surger 8 6		
12		CONTRARY MARY (20) (D) (W J P Jackson) G Lews 8 6		
13		LADY MOLL (LER (D) (Ms Lynn Ben R Boss & 6		
14	31	MINETTA (22) (Ms G Rowand-Clark M Bell 8 6	M Fenton 15	89
15		QUIZ SHOW (Losterd Manor Studi R Hannor 83	ne O'Nelli 14	-

BETTING: 4-1 Contrary Mary, 5-1 Aligia, 11-2 Asturah, 6-1 Stegardi, 9-1 Cortachy Coutle, 10-1 One Singer, 12-1 Wandering Woll, 14-1 Quit Stow, 16-1 Lord Kintyre, 20-1 Otters 1996: Dazzle 8 5 K Falion 7-2 fav IM Stoute) drawn (11) 10 ran

Dazzle's win on her debut last year means we have to respect Richard Hannon's newcomers Wasspering Wolf, with Olivier Pester booked, and the fifty Quiz Show, a half-sister to blind Games. One sure to like the ground is Contactny Castle, who wobbled about on the firm when winning at Notungham on his second start. Pat Eddery stays with him and Contactny Castle is a son of Pry's Pride, who overcame bog-like conditions in the Racecal Trophy at Redcar five years ago. ALFIGLIA runs up the stands' side rat after a debut win at Windson. Peter Makin docsn't have that many newcomer warners so Alfiglia can improve further. She have the well-face of Conf. Lover newcomer laterabed, who came out in trastther. She beat the well-lanced Gooff Lewis newcomer Islamabad, who came out to these Consulted at Bath. That form line custoeth Missia has away hope of beating I good in page. Gypsy Hitl at Bath. That form-line suggests Afrigia has every hope of beating Lewis's repre-sentative loday. Contrary Mary as well as Lord Kindyre and Aurigny, who were all behind Gypsy Hitl at Barn. Contrary Mary and Lord Kindyre were making their debuts there, and both improved enough to win their next starts. Contrary Mary threshed Den Ots at Lingbeld and the booking of Mick Kinane suggests stable confidence. The slower underfoot conditions puts me off Shegardi, who was easily held by Atlantic Vising at Newcastle after his soft-ground debut second to Datgence at Goodwood Isoft). Does Stringer may again stay on stronger train Visio Presidential offer his soft-ground second to Heavenly Abstract and or stable stable won the Britannia Stakes on Tuesday. Asflurati looked all over the winner at Leicester until caught by Lady in Waiting, who gave the form a nice boost with a fine second to

	[3	.05	HARDWICKE STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS A) E90,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £74,511
1	1	1171-3	PLSUDSIC (54) (D) (Lord Wenstock) M Stoute 5 9 0
	2	4120-2	DUSHYANTOR (USA) (14) (D) (N Abdultah) H Cecil 4 8 12
	3		MONGOL WARRIOR (33) (D) it de Kwastowski Lord Hurtington 4 8 12 D Harrison 5 105
ı	4		PREDAPPIO (24) (D) (Godolpho) S bin Surpor 4 8 12
ı	5		LADY CARLA (341) (D) (BF) (W Said) H Cecil 4 8 11
1	8	111-23	BUSY FUCHT (35) (0) (5 Wingleti Debyl B Has 4 8 9
ſ	7	423-24	BLA-ARISTO/CRATI (14) (Andreas Michael M Tomplons 5 8 9
1	8	12-12	KING ALEX (29) [D) (BF) (N Saut) R Charleon 4 8 9Pat Eddery 8 12.2
ı	9	134-15	ROYAL COURT (12) (D) (Mrs.) Magneri P Crecole-Hyam 4.89
1	10	524-13	WHITEMATER AFFAIR (36) (D) () M Greetham) M Strute 4 8 8

BETTINC: 9-4 Plaudold, 7-2 Predappio, 5-1 Ring Alex, 12dy Centa, 13-2 Destryantov, 10-4 Royal Court, 12-1 Busy Fight, Whitewater Affair, 25-1 Bio-Aristolored, 50-1 Mongol Watrior 1996: Oscar Schmoler 4 8 9 M ) Knane 7-4 fav ik Prendergast, til) drawn (8) 8 fan

King Alex takes a sharp has in class after he listed-race run at Goodwood, but then again Plaudski come from handcaps. The ground will but Roase Charton's charge, and he'd be more battle-hardened after Goodwood where he was pulling back Germano at the line. The penalised Plaudski, who was a flop here last year in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, is back to 12-futnorgs after his Pro Garay (I.m. 21 thruf to Helisson Risadkis just kept on getting better last year and followed his Arc second with an all-time best performance to beat stablemate Singspiel amounts all woodbine with Dustryanton well beaten in severali. With Singspiel running clean away with the Coornation Cup at Epsom, Plaudski is the clear form choice - and he beat Predappile almost two lengths in the floyal Whip at the Curagh last August. Predappile, annother the Coornation Coo, has form in soft ground, and his fund against Bosas Sharm in the Bigoder Gerard, over a tru short of his best, will have put term straight. But Henry Ceol may put off a minor miracle with LADY CARLA on the filty's first nun for 11 months. So impressive which beating Protect in the Coast, Lady Carta is reportedly back in great order after her evitebrae problems. She has been fiscing Eval Lina on the gallops and that fity boried up at Lecentor last Saurday night. Whitewater Affair is a roung fally who will act our the rain-softened ground. However, there are doubts whether her john Porter Stakes form is good enough for this. The tront-numer Broy Flight has a similar chance to Whitewater Affair on a line through Mons, while Royal Court, Ela-Aristokrati and Mongol Warnfor took too highly tred. King Alex takes a shard use in class after his Listed-race run at Condwood, but then aroun

[3	.45	WOKINGHAM STAKES (HANDICAP) (CLASS B) BBC1 £55,000 added 6! Pensity Value £48,013
ī		ASTRAC (48) (CD) 11. Second: Ga, Neteriti 6 9 11
ż		TO THE ROOF (20) (0) (4/5 PW 45/5) PHams 5 9 11
3		PRINCE BABAR (SIZ) (C) (Gres W Printed Gordon 1 Barks 6.9 T R Mullen (S) 8 1/99
4	150I-1	BOLLIN JOANNE (36) (C) (Lody Casteriolo T Exercity 4.9.7 K Folion 4.195
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ĭ	080-36	EMERGING MARKET (51) (CO) Part Managham J Ourest 5/85 . K Durley 25 109
8		WARRING TIME (13) (D) 5 CTW sar 2 Useran 4 9 4 Ser J Raid 7 196
9	₹ 003	WILDWOOD FLOWER (20) (D) GHREST SCOTA RHYST (C. 4.) 5 Dane Other 14 105
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11		CREMA CAPT (38) (D) 77 Carlet A Lambon 69 L 7 6 McLaughte 29 B 10:
12		BEST BEFORE DAWN (14) (D) 3/5 E M Strawer A P DEserver 6 0 1 Sev. C Roche 3 115
13		SELECTION FLYER (13) (C) (D) This Deplete 1 Bern 690 P Roberts (5) 5 104
14		TUMBLEMEED REDGE (20) Sunthered Part B Media: 490 . Pat Eddery 10 111
15		PAISY GROVES (37) (D) 114 Groves: US Moore 1.8 12 R Hoghes 12 59
16		REPERTORY (12) 74 5 Saunces, M Saunces 48 12 P P Marphy (3) 1 39
17		ALBERT THE BEAR (16) (D) Cros Deuters: 1 Sem, 4 S 12 (Scr T E Duncan (5) 21 105
28		HELLO MISTER (20) (0) (3-an Magen T Pows 6.3 Lt
19		DOUBLE BOUNCE (30) (0) (4/s P Scott Junity P March 7 S 9 2 Holland 17 11."
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25		SEA-DEER (7) (D) 38 M Fouget C David 88 5 A McGlone 24 (1)
26		PERRYSTON VIEW (48) (O) May Janes MacPresson, P Cotter 5 8 5 M J Kinane 28 114
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- 30 secured - 50-1 Beet Before Davis, Sollin Josephan, 11-1 Perryston View, 12-1 Double Bonnoe, Dane-time, Ugg, Yenthisweed Ridge, 16-1 Alameio, Prince Baher, See-Deer, 16-1 Emerging Market, 22-1 World Premier, 25-1 Astrac, To The Root, Warning Teen, Wildred Premier, 26-1 others 1986; Emerging Market 4 8 13 > Davie; 33-1 U Davies; down 3: 29 no.

FORM GUIDE American inder Gay Stevens dons the Entrepreneur colours on DANIETANE, who can show his true worth after the recent rain. Not foo many throe-year-cids run in this somnt and the 19-draw is in no man's land. But a similar draw has not stopped Red Roobs and Fig. To the Stars this week. A wed regarded juvenue and backed accordingly on his debit and whim winning at Newcaste, Danetime was later prized in the Houghton Stakes (second to Com-son Tide) at Newmarket. Danetime has been a bit quiet this term, but has british severing to Oggi (beaten just over three lengths) at Goodwood gaze signs of improvement. He meets Oggi on 6to better terms and this will be his ground. The Goodwood fitted Sea-Deer and fourth Warning Time (penalised 8th for the Epport with Marking Time (penalised 8th for the Eppo fourth Warning Time (penassed 8th or the epport with make no appeal, but broome bounce isoth) has well there on his reappearance. On his second run last year Double Bounce was a close third in this race to Emerging Market, and shouldn't be far away agon. Emerging Market runs on the opposite side today ofter his low-drow with 12 months ago. He is 3to better with Double Bounce and a massive 11th better with the second, Prince Baber, though the ground will not be as fast this time. To The Roof and Astrac Inon this in 1995) were set ground will not be seen and pure. To this moust also require from this in 1990 were soft and several from a fast draw last year and both meet Emerging Market on worse ferms. Perryston View will be fresh again offer the seven-week rest since his Newmarket will make that thrown up numerous winners. He has gone up 71b, but taking the Normarket second Sir Joe; liftin in this last year as a glade, Perryston View has a fine thance getting a stone from Emerging Market. Boilin Joanne is progressive, she has a low draw and stable is in time form. She can be fanced to confirm York form with Tale the space is in the form. See can be anced to commit fork form with parelessed Ridge, but World Premier therall as a danger with a flag put on a course he kies. Wilderook Flower was smart last term and has faced some really tough tasks this season. She has alone, along with insh racker Best Bestore Dawis Invener over so furlongs last years, who has won to handcops under 10st this season. Alexands, with his seven-furlong starring, has a sourceak, along with Lingbeld wirerer Yourdontsay, who could well improve a lot on last year's unplaced effort now the ground is night for her.

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4	2-3026	BRAVE EDGE (20) (D) Homs Van Portnership R Harron 6.9.2 Dane O'Nell 18.104
5	3120-1	CROFT POOL (25) (0) (Countywed) Classes: ) Gloser 6 9 2
6	00-923	RAMBUNG BEAR (20) (D) (A/s M H/ & L/s H Uhilder M Blonshold 1 9.2 R Cochane 1 110
7	26100	STRUGGLER (244) (D) (Lord Doyd-Wetter) D Loder 5 9 2 K Darley 15 110
R	4-3066	SYLVA PARADISE (25) (Edd), Garrelood Hondy (Edd) C Button J 9 D 1 Whyte 10 202
9		TITUS LIVIUS (FR) (20) (D) INtarchos Family I Pears (Fr) 4.9.7 C Asyrupson 2.107
10	6-5151	YA MALAK (13) (D) (Contrac Promotions Ltd) D Nicholls 6.9.2 Alex Greaves 13 (2)
11		DON'T WORRY ME (20) (D) U.F. Grisomonii G. Henrot (Fu. 5.8.13 D. Pasiler 4.103
1.7		HEVER GOLF ROSE (17) (D) Officer Racing 1 Heavy from 5 8 13 . Pat Eddory 3 105
13		ROYALE FIGURANE (1) (D) IC Pearmant M Fetherslan Codes ù S 13 D Holland 6 110
14	3.21	CATHEDRAL (57) (D) (Kenner Valley Proroughbreds) 8 Meetron 3 8 10 7 Quing 8 94
.15		CHECK THE BAND (18) (D) UTL somes in A P O'Bnen (M) 3 & 10 C Roche 12 B 102
16		COMPTON PLACE (20) (D) (BF) (Duke of Devensture) / Lafer 3 8 10 S Sanders 7 111
17		DEEP FINESSE (48) (D) Llorn E Sores M. Janes 3 8 10 M. Roberts S B 113
18		EASYCALL (25) (CD) (Easycul Permership) B Meesturi 3 8 10 M Yeebutt 11 115 - 18 declared -

BETTING: 5-1 Almaty, 6-1 Ye Malek, 9-1 Hever Golf Rose, Titus Livius, 10-1 Compton Place, Easy-cell, Rambling Bear, 11-1 Bolshot, Deep Finesse, 14-1 Croft Pool, 16-1 Strugger, 20-1 Royal Fig-urine, 33-1 others

FORM GUIDE

Almaty has joined John Gosden since his limit in this last year, but he could be stretched to confirm the form with HEVER GOUF ROSE, who was fourth on ground too lively for her. Put Eddery again takes the nide and Hever Golf Rose, a winner at Laby his time, confirmed bet living for can when beating 'Thus Livius in Longchamp last month. Thus Livius did reverse the form with her at Chantilly, but the ground was faster there and the French raider hower cotting in this sport last year. Basycalt can prove the pick of the younger tongote. He gave Gib and a beating to Check The Band on the rounce last relicions, with Deep Floresse disappointing in tertili. Better for us, for all Sandown, Eusystia looks a thrist. Ya. Matalia collect home in a hardy-sport in the result for the distribution to James to James and the first the distribution to James hardy-sport. Malak gaiged home in a horacop of Epons due his good net in the Temple States. Sandown, but the ground looks to have given agents him.

### 4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS A) £80,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £73,384 0-14 KNGRISHER MILL (USA) (37) flord Howard De Walder (Ur. J Ord 8 N. 29-150 MUSICAL DANCER RUSA) (26) ILLIANSON AI MEMORIA I (MINOS 8 8

31-11 PALIO SKY (SEI) (DI IJE NEN J DE MICO S H 2.21 SHAYA (24) (BF) IHamdan A Makeumi W R Hem 8 h 5 0.37 [1 SOLO MID (32) W Sud) 8 H85 8 9 ... M Hills 4
BETTING: 9-4 Passwa City. 5-2 Kingfisher Mill. 5-1 Maylcal Daircer, Pallo Sky, 6-1 Solo Mio. 12-1

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omy so go mere, but it is many enough with the propressive Pallio Sky and SOLO MIO in with every hope, for the stop up in grade. It could be Solo Minn day - the coil knying systic ground ability and so promising at Chester when second to Conon Falls, Juhn Dunilop usu ally has a leading contender for this and Palio Sky har, none nothing wrong, while the coil with the top form. Magnetiner Mill, promises to stoy the trip judged on his lourth to Benny. The Dip in the Dante at York. Shaya could well be a influent coil over this trip now that he's axis, from tast ground, and Paler Chapple Hivam reputs Panama City as having winked really well since his flatian Derby third to stableman: Single Empire. He has a leading chance in these conditions.

5	.30	QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES (CLASS B) £30,000 added 2m 6f 34yds Penaity Value £19,164
1	113-14	CANON CAN (USA) (44) (SF) (Caron O A LICI H Card 4 9 ]
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14	<b>70-141</b>	PREMER NIGHT (23) (0 G Chursoni S Don 4 8 7
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ING: 4-1 Canon Can, 9-2 Bahamian Senshine, 11-2 General Assembly, 7-1 Date SETTIME 4-1 LINGO COR, 3-4 ESCHERMIN CONSTRUCT, 11-4 MINICIA PRESCRIPTY, 1-4 MINICIANA, 3-1 Rouvel, 10-1 Inchcalloch, 12-1 Speed To Load, 14-1 French Holly, Piecsarciand, 20-1 others 1996: Admiratis Well 6 9 3 i Quinn 100-30 for IR Akehursh drown (†) 10 t.m.

FORM GLIDE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY looks the outland out stayer required for this test, and he is onlivered to stablemate Canoni Can, who looks a shade suspect on the photon after he, flory in the Chester Cup. Reg Akehurst won the race set year and he now haves Babanian Sumshing, fourth in the race for David Loder. He was a pleasing second to teach last month and rares a threat here, though General Assembly didn't give his true minoring that day. Speed To Lead was second 12 months for Herry Cect, but this will he have maning performance in win after a long layoff, a remark which also applies to post that monthing of the race. Cut Link, Old Round will be plugging on again, and is preterred to inchedition, well beginn in Assort Stakes on Luesday and possible unsurfed by this surfax. Disraydan had fine staying form last season and has been decent over hurdles ance living getted, while Prench Holly and Pleasure Shared are other decent sorts from the variety give.

Selection Of NERAL ASSEMBLY.

WOKINGHAM STAKES - 10-YEAR-TALE 1987 88 88 90 81 92 83 94 95 96 Fate of the favourites: 1 5 25 31 10 2 28 15 30 4 Winder's place in betting: 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 11-2 28-1 16-1 16-1 14-1 83-1 11-1 20-1 14-1 33-1 8.3 8.5 9.12 8.6 8.7 8.1 8.7 8.12 8.7 8.13 10 13 7 17 4 29 4 30 16 7 ming draw: Profit or loss to £1 stake: Favourites -£3.50 Second Favourites -£10.00 -Percentage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd to fast race: 60% Shortest-priced winner: Bel Byou (1987) 11-2 ongest-priced winner: Red Rosein (1992), Emerging Market (1996).33-1 Top trainer: R Harmon - Knight Of Mercy (1990), Venture Capitalist (1994) ::-Top jockeys: No jockey has won this race more than once in the pack 1D years 🔆

### ROYAL ASCOT FIRST SHOW

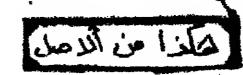
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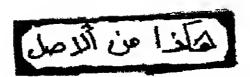
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### GOODWOOD 7.30 OMEGA DYNAMIC HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,500 added 1m 6.30 Indian Relative 7.00 Doyelia 7.30 Ca'D'Oro 8.00 Koraloona 8.30 Out Line 9.00 Vola Via GOING: Good. STALLS: Straight - stands side; nound round - inside (1m4) - outside). De Arw ADVANTAGE: High best 71 to 100. E Right-hand course with sharp bends and gradents. E Course is N of Chichester between A286 and A285. Chi-rhester station is 4m, ADMCSSION: Richmond Enclosure 516, Gordan Enclosure 510 (cover-656 55), Public Enclosure 55 (cover 1576 53)). GAR PARE: 52: free parking available. BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Arabo (6:0); Sia Garden (visited, 8:10)) winners in The LAST SEVEN DAYS: Endimental [0:00) won a Sandown on Saurday. 8.00 RAC CENTENARY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,500 added 1m 2f at Sandown on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Palcy Prince (G.30) sent 1:29 miles by Mrs A Ring from Wilmcote, Warwickshire. 6.30 BROOKLANDS ANNIVERSARY APPREN-TICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 6f TICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 6f 1 040505 FRENDLY BUAYE (9) (CD) Gay Vederopy 7 10 0 ... R Marker 8 2 00-004 MOUAN RELATIVE (28) 50) R Guess 4 10 0 ... C howther (6) 8 3 10-431 STAND TALL (22) (P) Laby Hernes 5 9 4 ... P Doe (9) 12 4 50-010 THILMIND (15) (P) W Mar 3 9 2 ... J Wildinson (3) 11 5 3-0022 FIRMY PRINCE (4) (D) Mrs 4 Mrg 4 9 2 ... G Frankmer 1 2 5-4065 SAXXIN BAY (7) KOLTHINGSON-BOWN 5 9 2... TE Directon 12 7 1-21056 NWOODION (8) (CD) G L Morre 10 8 13 ... M Strickelor (5) 5 8 -00140 MALF TORE (20) (C) R Flower 5 8 13... G Millingson (3) 10 8 9 25-000 CONSTRUMNUS (20) (P) (D) M USE 4 8 10 ... J Booley (7) 14 10 050201 MISTER RAIDER (LS) (7) (D) M USE 4 8 10 ... J Booley (7) 14 11 MOUD PRINCE (20) (SS) R Methurs 4 8 6 ... P Filizalmons (5) 8 12 232364 JUSTRAMNUS (9) (D) J Booley 5 7 12 ... David O'Nall (5) 4 13 030000 TACHYCARDIA (22) (D) R O'Schen 5 7 10 ... S Carrion (5) 8 14 55000 ARME (23) J POURD 5 7 10 ... S Carrion (5) 8 BETTINE 7-2 Palry Phinos, 5-1 Stand Tall, 8-1 Institutions, 7-1 Indian Relative, Mister Raider, 8-1 Friendly Brave, 10-1 Talledned, 12-1 others - 13 declared BETTENG: 4-1 Thatchmester, 11-2 Optentic Moment, 7-1 Trojan Risk, Korstoons, 8-1 General Haves, Nachold, 10-1 Herrly Demost, 12-1 others 7.00 LUFTHANSA CARGO MAIDEN SKY 9.00 LUFTHANSA BEST ALL CARGO CARRIER STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 2f - 4 deciared -BETTPHS: 5-4 Rudimental, 2-1 Houry's Mother, 3-1 Vola Via, 8-1 Stuniday HYPERION 2.10 Shontaine 2.45 Aix En Provence 3.20 Squir Corrie 3.55 Love Academy 4.30 Neronian 5.0 GOING: Good to Firm. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round rourse - unide. Left-hand gailoping course. Left-hand gailoping course. Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: Chill Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: Chill Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: Chill Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: Chill Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: Chill Course is Course in Course won at York on Pricky. LONG-DISTANCES EUNNERS: Cleranout City (3,151), Ston Plower (430) & Automa Time (5,05) sent 361 miles by P Chap ple-Hyam from Manton, Witshire. 2.10 AYR APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICA (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m

- 8 decianed -BETTRIC: 3-4 Prix Star, 11-4 Aix Em Provence, 3-1 Quiz Messior, 5-1 Pen-dance, 10-1 Globe Rolder, 20-1 Durgams Dollght, 25-1 others

3.30 FULL MOON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added 6f

O-0082 DELTA SOLER. (USA) (10) P Harmi 5 8 12: M Bleman 2 50-300 FOR THE PRESENT (15) (CD) T 0 Barron 7 9 11 ... R Lappin 7 30044 SARIT EXPRESS (227) (0) Mer M Resulty 7 9 10

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	5 114050 JOHAYRO (9) (D) J Golde 4 8 4
Autumn Time	8 000001 RAMSEY HOPE (8) (D) C Fairburst 4 8 2 M Kennedy 6 V
GOING: Good to Firm. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.	7 000100 RICH BLOW (6) (CD) N Bycroft 6 7 10 1 Characch 8
STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - unide.	8 510003 LEADING PRINCESS (2) (CD) Mes L Persu 6 7 10
Left-hand galloping course.	P Fency (S) 8 B
Course is E of Lown on A758, Station 1m. ADMISSION: (Tab 520; Grandstand 510 (Students & CAPs 55), CAR PARE: Pres.	9 0-4360 PALLETA (2) (7) 0 Notes 9 7 10
BLINKERED FIRST TIME. Silent System (2.10).	BETTING: 3-1 Squire Corrie, 4-1 Garagek Valley, 9-2 Laurai Deligie, 6-1
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Squire Corrie (7:20) won at York on Pricky.	That Man Again, Ranney Hope, 8-1 Rich Glow, 16-1 Politon, 12-1 others
LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Clermont, City (3,56), Stone	3.55 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000
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(CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m	3 0 HOGAF (27) J Gosden 9 0
	4 SS33 LAXELAND PRIDE (6) P Eura 9 0
1 430-43 M060CC0 (9) (D) M Channot 8 10 0	5 LOVE ACADEMY M Johnston 9 0 J Magner 5
	6 6632 WINSOME GEORGE (22) C Farturst 9 0
3 SP-000 CASCATELLE BLEE M MTomplers 49 11 P Charle (5) 12 V	- 0 declared -
4 042106 SHONTARKE (2) M Johnston 499 K Sked 6	BETTHR: 2-1 Hogelf, 3-1 Clarmont City, 7-2 Love Academy, 4-1 Lake-
5 605004 MILETRIAN CITY (4) J Berry 4 8 10. S Buckley (5) 11 8	land Pikle, 6-1 Wissome George, 25-1 Crosby Dun
8 345030 DAVID JAMES GERL (32) (C 0 SF) 4 Bulley 5 8 7	TATOO DAI MILLING HANDICAD ICLASS DI
7 -53054 SECONDS AWAY (18) J Goldie 6 8 2	4.30 DALMILLING HANDICAP (CLASS D)
8 0-0500 PISIOSEAR (24) M Dods 4 8 0P Fredericks (5) 4 8 9 604000 EFFFEITE (14) (3) N Bycroft 4 8 0 Index Wands 5	22000 22250 310 211 21
10 -00300 RARTIME COWGRIL (5) O Noten 48 0	1 3-16 MINERSYNLE (62) 1 Gosden 9 7
10 -00500 MARINANGI (7) (CD) 8 Muray 6 7 13	2 03-400 STONE FLOWER (38) (C) P Chappin-Harm 9 5.8 Handle (3) 4
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12 -00000 SILENT SYSTEM (18) () Crepmen 4 / 10 P Bradley (5) 7 8 12 declared	4 15-312 CAN CAN LADY (31) M Jornston 8 13
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BETTING: 3-1 Marpeca, 7-2 Remains Green, 5-1 Strontains, 8-1 Miletri-	6 35-53 MYSTIQUE AIR (20) EWeymes 86
an City, 5-1 Seconds Away, 10-1 David James' Girl, 14-1 others	- 6 declared -
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L	5.05 AYR BEACH MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 5f
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3 GLOBE RAIDER J J O'Neil 9 (L	2 652 AUTUMN TIME (14) P Character Hyam 388 R Handin (5) 2
4 224 PRIX STAR (29) C Faithurst 9 0	3 5-6006 ADVANCE EAST (11) M Door 5 8 5
5 3226 OUIZ MASTER (32) (BF) E Weymes 9 0 C Had 8	4 00-003 WHINEBAGU (11) C Thoman 4 8 4
6 DURGANS DELIGHT 8 Murray 8 8	5 044-05 FAHADIYR (J15)   Goine 5 7 12
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5 951033 DARME (154) (7) (D) Mrs V Appring 6 9 6 M Desting 4
	8 003310 BENEZOE (6) (D) (NF) Mrs J Romsdon 7 9 3 M Wighout 2
	7 0-0350 SPOTTED EASIE (11) (D) III Work 4 9 1
HYPERION	8 00-400 BOLLIN HARRY (11) (D) T Exstady 591
2.20 Boulevard Rouge 2.55 Guesstimation	9 0-2630 BEE HEALTH BOY (7) (D) (DF) M W Easlerby 4 8 12
3.30 Daawe 4.05 Rock Island Line 4.40 Azores	6 Path (5) 10 8
5.15 Gee Bee Boy	10 006-13 REINHARDT SR 0 Nicholis 4 7 10
GOING: Good, Good to Firm in places.	Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handlean weight: Reinhardt 7ar 6th.
STALLS: Straight - stands ride, tm 6f - centre, rest - incide.	BETTHIC: 7-2 Benzoe, 4-1 Delta Soleit, 11-2 French Gelt, 6-1 Denne, 8-1 For
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 51 to 1m.  Left-hand, tight course, with a one rade straight.	The Procest, 18-1 Saint Express, Box Health Boy, Robbardt, 12-1 offices
Course is off A1085 (signposted from A60). Redear station (Dar-	4.05 KM GROUP SERVICES HANDICAP (CLASS
lington - Saltburn line) 300yd, ADMISSION: Club X 12; Paddock	TOP WALLOW SCHANGE INTERPRETATION
58 (OAPs 53.50); Course \$2.50 (OAPs \$1.25). CAR PARE: Free.	D) £5,000 added 3YO 7f
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Indian Brave (4.05); Media Star (vi-	1 23-04 BIDDAN BERRYE (12) (6F) M Johnston 9 7 Down McKeener 5 9
sorrer) (4.40).	2 0-23 FREDERICK JAMES (12) to Heston-Bis 9 2   Cornst 7
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.	8 112 ROCK (SLAND LINE (29) (D) J Berry 8 12 Feming 1
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Pointe Fine (f. 15) has been sent	4 200-04 GRUTE TIMES (18) (D) E Weyeres 8 11
257 miles by J Hills from Lambourn, Berkshire; Frederick James	5 -00000 PERSION FUND (24) (C) (D) M W Easterly 8 7 7 Licons 4
(4.05) sent :57 miles by M Henton-Ellis from Wroughton, Witte,	8 042060 LA DOLCE VITA (13) (D) T O Barron 8 7
Generalize 14.40) sent 255 miles by S Mellor from Wanterough, Willis.	7 033010 SWIFT  4] M Polesse 8 3 Take 9
	8 5160-0 TROBAL MISCHEEF (43) O Motion 8.3 Derron Motion (5) 3
2 20 INGS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,500	9 132802 PET EXPRESS (5) (D) P Hadem 7 12
2.20 added 2YO 5f	10 -10000 NORRE (41) M Britain 7:10 7 Williams 11
1 1035 CUMBRIAN CADET (11) (BF) T Easterby 9 0 Carroll T	11 0-600 TARRADALE (22) C Boots 7 10
2 O DANGERMAN (23) M W Enstantly 9 0	- 11 decimes - RETTING: 11-4 Book Island Line, 11-2 Indian Brave, Frederick Immes, 13-
	2 Grate Three, Pet Express, 7-1 Swift, 8-1 La Doige Vita, 10-1 others
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a sour Event RODGE M Johnson 89 Deen McKetown 4	1 OF GENERALK (128) S Melor 4 9 7 M Wighon 8
9 IDECTINE GIRL I Barbel 89T VALUE 2	2 JANDLER (165) J Noncon 4 9 7
- 9 declared -	2 OF MEDIA STAR (USA) (34) J Gosden 4 9 7 J Carrolf 1 V
BETTERS: 3-1 Boulevard Rooge, 7-2 Cumbrian Cadet, 5-1 Junior Media, 7-1	A O AZORES (S) P Colo 38 4 C Ratter 4
Dangarman, Ossisne, 8-1 Lunchtime Giri, 10-1 Flying High, 14-1 others	5 DAS SAN GLAMORE MELODY (PR) (7) J Gosden 38 4 J Love 6
	6 ANNUETTA J Pearce 3 7 13 TWEETE 7
2.55 NEWTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 1m 2f	7 O STONED BLACKLISE (34) ( Marphy 3 7 13
£3.300 added 1m 2f	- 7 declared -
1 40-006 GLESSTEAKTION (USA) (US) (0) J Peace 895_C Temper (3) 8	BETTING: 13-8 Modia Star, 2-1 Azores, 11-2 Sen Ginmore Melody, 8-1
SOURCE LANGE V Secretary 2 0 1	Amusietta, 12-1 Landler, 20-1 Concress, Stoned Irraculate
5 ON DADSOUNDER DETE (11) W SINW 591 S WEIGHOUR 8	
A CANADA TOO DE TOO C TROPICO 3 9 1	5.15 GRIEDALE RATING RELATED MAIDEN
E COLOR MUSTARD (12) A Multipliant 480	5.15 STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 3YO 1m 3f
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### BANK OF SCOTLAND BANKING DIRECT® INTEREST RATE CHANGE

With effect from 18th June 1997, interest rates payable on the undernoted account have changed.

BANKING DIRECT INSTANT ACCESS SAVINGS ACCOUN	
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£10,000 and above	6.25
£10,000 and above £5,000 to £9,999	5.75
£5,000 to £4,999	5.00
£500 to £7,333	



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NEWMARKET	7.45 NGK SPARK PLUGS MAIDEN SKY
	added 2YO 6f
HYPERION	1 00CKS0GR / HBs 9 0
6.45 La Chatelaine 7.15 Travelmate 7.45	
Mishraak 8.15 Mountgate 8.45 Effervescence	3 HUDOM J Dunlop 9 OW Ryen 1
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PAW ADVANTAGE: None.	BETTER 6-4 Mintersk, 4-1 Mariamen, 11-2 Doctolder, Doctor, 13-2 Ha
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is SR); Grandstand & Poddock S to (18 to 15-year-olds SS); Fam-	8.15 VISION EXPRESS HANDICAP SKY
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NNEES IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Grey Kingdom (8.15) at York on Saturday.	2 000040 HIGHBORN (13) (D) P Felgate 8 9 10 W Pyon 9
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n sent 'Ut males by K Bishop from Spanion, Somerect; Ultra	4 410/20 ELFLAND (36) (D) Lady Hernes 6 9 2
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45 BUGATTI APPRENTICE HAND	7 000150 PENGANON (7) H Colongrage 5 8 13
	8 (7,5-00 UNSRIANDE (27) ) Perstance 3 8 8
200-80 CROSS OF VALOUR (35) P Howing 4 9 12 Proberts 10	10 60-246 MOUNTGATE (18) (D) (BF) IA Bielby 5 8 3
130-05 CHARMANS CHOICE (47) (D) A Jane 7 9 7 LC Device (7) 1	11 133031 GREY KINGSOM (8) (D) M Bargar 88 2 (Sep. D Morrigh (7) !
2015 RASH SER MIRE LAM Hemmarine 492 Allman Cock (3) 14	- 11 declared -
COL CEREST TALLET COOK   1 1444 0 4 4 4 1   Declar Co 4	BETTERS: 9-2 Raids, Grey Kingdom, 11-2 Present Generation, 7-1 Elliand
5:00-12 GAM LINE (5) Rob Lores 4 8 1	Pangasson, S-1 Welton Assensi, Unshahan, 10-1 others
C-0022 MEZZORANGO (22) JCD) K Housen 68 8 Jo Hansson (3) 6 V	8.45 LONDON EXECUTIVE ATIATION CLASSING STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 3YO 1m
1-0022 NEZZORANIO (23) (CD) K Morgan 68 8 Jo Hansson (3) 6 V 1-5380 MEDIATE (115) A Hole 5 8 0	STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 3YO 1m
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- 14 declared -	6 -40505 DISTRICTIVE DREAM (17) K hoy 8 8 R Cochring 18
m words 7s 10b. The handcap weights is Charles of 2 7b, Morte	9 6 HOT WEEK CLO Linders 84 Sproupe 8
7si Sti. Xirov Protego 7si 4tt. Armesty Boy 7st. Pesseptore 6si 11ft. NG: 4-1 La Chatolaine, 6-1 Rank Gift, Gelo Line, 6-1 Mezzeramio,	9 6 HOT NERG (17) Jackers 8 4 S Degene 8 10 -04505 JUNEBOOK IEVE (23) C Dayer T 13 D Williams (7) 4
Protegs, T-1 Secret Sallet, 8-1 Legacies, 10-1 others	- 10 declared -
and the second s	BETTING: 7-2 Littra Boy, 4-1 Effertunctures, Last Chance, 5-1 Milliott, 13-2
15 BUGALII MIERNAIKNAL KAL- CECV	Micket, Time Can Tell, Johnbox Jive, 20-1 others
15 BUGATTI INTERNATIONAL RAL-SKY	9.15 GAZELEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)
added 1m 4f	5.15 GAZZEET MANDEN STATES (CENSO D)
364050 EARDON HELL BOY (13) (C) B Harbury 5 10 0 ) Stack 12	
12-005 SOFMAN (27) Lady Herres 4 9 9 R Cochrane 13 13-006 CLASSIC PRO (27) 1 Complet 4 9 1 Price 2	1 0-0 BEDGURY HOMDA (66) C Britain 9 0
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600-60 MY LEARNED FRIEND (29) (D) 4 Hute 69 6 A McGiorie 9	4 C3 LEGENDARY LOVER (32) R Charles 9 0 Paul Riddery 9
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224-00 DADE SUBNOL (24) M PORRESS 3 1 12	12 VELVE CLEORATI H ARTISTEN H 9
- 13 declared -	-12 declared -
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### **sport**

COUNTDOWN TO WIMBLEDON: Tim Henman's success has turned life upside down for his coach, as he tells John Roberts

## Felgate the fall guy for the nation

hen the nation expects, heaven help anybody who fails to deliver. Not long ago that dictum scarcely applied to tennis, chiefly because the nation had forgotten what it was supposed to be expecting. A memo was issued once a year along with a list of the British wild card entries for Wimbledon.

The advent of Tim Henman has changed the perception. The nation probably expects too much of the young man from Oxford. who has become one of the world's top 20 players since advancing to the quarter-fi-nals at the All England Club last year.

Accordingly, Henman's coach, David Felgate, has acquired guru status. Although not quite elevated to the win-or-bust prominence of a national football manager or coach, he does carry a weight of responsi-bility. While Felgate is unlikely to be depicted as a turnip, a strawberry cannot be ruled out.

"Pressure," the 33-year-old Felgate says, savouring the word. "That's the fun part, isn't it. I'm quite happy to take all the success with Tim. but if things go badly I know... well, not that my head's on the block, because Tim and I have a good relationship, but you [medial guys, or whatever, are going to say things. And that's fine, because that's what drives me on, personally.

"If Tim starts losing, they'll all want to know why. And they'll look at Tim first. And then is it me? Or then, is he spending too much time for his contracts? All of those things. The most important thing is Tim and I know where we're headed and the reasons behind it. We're honest with each other."

Two particular memories of Felgate are called to mind, the first from his time as a player, the second when he was a budding

The opening day at Wimbledon in 1988 saw 20 aces from Boris Becker against Australia's John Frawley and a service return from the German which struck the netcord judge. Rachael Boley, in the ribs. Becker ehivalrously tended to her.

Felgate, meanwhile, was aced 20 times on Court No i while playing his first, and last, match in the Wimbledon singles. The British No 9 from Essex was defeated by Ivan Lendl, runner-up for the previous two years, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, in 83 minutes.

Par for the course for a Brit with a wild card? "Yes, it was." Felgate says. "I don't look back on my career, or indeed that par- ticular occasion, with any great delight, to be really honest.

"You sit in a pub with somebody. What did you do?" Well. I played professional tennis'. 'Did vou ever play Wimbledon?' Yes. I played Wimhledon, played the Australian Open, where I qualified on merit, played the top 100 in doubles'.

"So I did achieve. If you put it in the context of professional lootballers, there's 200 players in the First Division alone, aren't there. So there's a chance I might have been on a squad there, or played in the Second Division or something.

"I was an athlete, a sportsman. But I don't look back. I'm a coach now. And they have no bearing on each other in a lot of ways. I mean, I learnt a lot from it, and I was always interested in coaching.

"Yes, it was par for the course, and I can get angry a little hit when I look back on it, because I was so ill-prepared, in my opin-



David Felgate (right) and Tim Henman share a light-hearted moment as the pressure builds towards Wimbledon

ion. I wouldn't lay blame with the LTA [Lawn Tennis Association). Everybody was doing the best they knew how at the time. I think, for everybody concerned. But I was so illprepared, not just for that occasion, but things in general. And we didn't view ourselves confidently enough. I only realise it now. I didn't

view myself negatively at the time "I went out there [to play Lendl] believing that I could win that day, I know I did, because I know my feelings. I said. 'Well, if' you're ever going to get him, it's first round'. But there wasn't the real conviction. And I don't think people around me, the coaches, really believed I could, so nobody's really instilling it in you. Whereas I think that the group who will be out to play at Wimbledon this year, no matter who they play. will have the coaches around them whole-

three or four pretty good years at the end his career, so he was always the standard bearer, and Mark [Petchey] has dabbled with the top 100 for a little bit.

"It was Greg [Rusedski] and Tim who gave us a feelgood factor. People might say, 'Yes, but take those two away... But you can't take them away. It's like saying take Becker and Stich away from Germany. It's

a stupid argument. While Felgate was developing bis coaching career with the LTA at Bisham Ahbey. he would take the opportunity to watch England's footballers train there. It was around that time that Graham Taylor's reign as the national team manager was beginning to show signs of stress.

You can learn from every sport." Felheartedly believing. 'Hey, we've got a shot!' to watch how they go about it. I watch the "Let's not forget that Jeremy [Bates] had tactics. I watch people's skills. And I watch to be and where I could be best a tournament. There are times when I might tactics. I watch people's skills. And I watch to be and where I could be best a tournament. There are times when I might tactics. I watch people's skills. And I watch to be and where I could be best used. It comes back to my view that the tour want to analyse something, but he's got a done, and the ball started rolling.'

the interaction. That's fascinating. You read in the papers that X doesn't get along with Y. I say to myself. 'Does he not? Well, that's interesting, and take a look for myself.

His view of those England sessions? "I suppose what struck me was they weren't as advanced as I thought they would be. And heing from a sport where personal trainers were coming in, and diets are taken very seriously. I thought, 'God, this is very basic'. You only read about it, but

maybe things have moved on." Did he imagine that his coaching would take on such a high profile? "I dreamt of it. and was working towards it. I knew that if I was going to stay in coaching I wanted to be on the international lour, which is no disrespect to the coaches who work with gate, a keen Arsenal supporter, says. "I like some of the youngsters. I know where I

is not just about how you hit your forehand or how you hit your backhand. Stefan Edberg's long and fruitful association with Tony Pickard, from Nottingham, is a good example of the hlending of

technical and psychological skills. "Exactly," Felgale says, "ft's quite amusing sometimes to watch matches and a few of you (media) guys around say. His serve let him down today, didn't it?' And I'm just going to go along with, 'Yeah, it did. didn't it. But I know it had nothing to do with that. I know it's something internal. That's something you develop. You can't force it. That's why some coaching relationships don't work on the tour.

"It's important, for example, to know when to say what in certain situations, at certain times and in certain moods within

match the next day, and he's still won, and I think to myself, 'David, just shut up. Just get him built up for tomorrow'."

Has it become increasingly difficult to ra-tionalise the external demands created by Henman's progress? "That's what you play for," Felgate says. "You know if you're going to be good, you're going to have fame. It's a little bit irritating when sportsmen say, 'Oh, I didn't know all this was going to go with it', or I don't like the limelight'. Well. don't play it. Play for fun, if you want to, because in the world of sport today, if you're successful, that's what goes with it.

"Everybody wants more [of Tim's time]. which is fine, which is understandable. What makes us laugh is that you almost sense with the British that a player could win the other three Grand Slams in a year and they would say, But he didn't win Wimbledon. It's like unless you win the sacred crock, it doesn't matter. That is wrong.

"It all comes back to, But can he win Wimbledon? Will he win Wimbledon? When will be win Wimbledon?' It should be about enjoying everything else that's going on [in tennis], and if he does it, great,

It's getting blown out of proportion, and that's fine, because it's not worrying me or Tim. He's a known entity now, so, yes, his odds will be a lot shorter than they were last year. If people would talk about it in terms of his career - has he got a chance in his career to do it? - for me that's acceptable. The build-up to this year is a little bit silly."

Felgate endeavours to make light of talk that Henman will eventually outgrow bis coach and be persuaded to seek guidance

"I used to get upset by it, but it makes me laugh, because the people who make those comments are not very factual. What was Tony Pickard before he met Stefan Edberg? Had be ever been a great player? Had he ever coached anybody? Bob Brett? He was never even a player. Who did Tim Gullikson coach before he coached Sampras? Who did Annacone coaeb before he coached Sampras. Who did Higueras coach before he coached Courier?"

Who coaches Michael Chang? "His brother."

Who coached Chang before his brother? "His father. We most probably could go through them all...

"The comments that hurt most, that irritate me, are when they are very close to home ex-players of a bygone era at home. 'Oh, Tim's got to get rid of him', or 'I'd go out and see who the best coach is out there'. All that makes you realise these people haven't a clue about the game of tennis. They're legends in their own minds, I'm afraid to say.

"I'm sure we'll get it around Wimbledon. Somebody will say, "Lalways knew I im wa going to be a champion'. They didn't know diddly. They just didn't, Because if they did they should have stood up when he was 14 or 15 and told you all. And nobody did.

"When I first started with Tim, I suppose a place in the lop 100 was a goal for the players. We didn't have many there. But I didn't know, and he didn't know, whetber he was going to be good, bad or indifferent. It was just a case of, 'Let's go to work each day and do what it takes to be a professional'. And, bonestly, that's all we've

## Sampras wary of Rusedski

Small Fry

**GUY HODGSON** eports from Nottingham

Wayne Ferreira may not rate Greg Rusedski too highly but he received an endorsement from a more elevated source vesterday. Pete Sampras, the world No 1 and three times the Wimhledon champion, regards the British No 2 as among his most dangerous opponents,

Sampras, who is practising at the All England Cluh in preparation for next week's championships said: "Rusedski is the one that is tough to play with that lefty serve. Anyone who can serve real big is always someone you are kind of on an edge to play."

The two players met in the final at San Jose in February when Rusedski took a set off the American only to retire with court at the Nottingham Open

wrist injury at 0-5 down in the yesterday to play his quarter-fi-second set. Yesterday Sampras and against Australia's Jason match if his opponent had remained fit. "If he had kept up the way he played in the first set be could easily have heaten me," he said. "He was playing top 10 tennis easily throughout the tournament beating Michael Chang and Andre Agassi."

This assessment comes as a contrast to Ferreira, the 15th seed at Wimbledon, who was reported to have described Rusedski as a hig server with little else of substance to reinforce that power. "I have no sympathy for Greg and his style of play." he was quoted as saying.
"He's fortunate to have got so far in the game. Tim Henman is a far more talented player."

Rusedski, who could not get on

nal against Australia's Jason conceded he could have lost that Stoltenberg because of rain, has improved his world ranking from 48 at the start of the year to 37. At Queen's last week, where he reached the semi-finals, he sug-gested he will be a dangerous fixatoral Wimbledon if he can get past the equally strong serve of

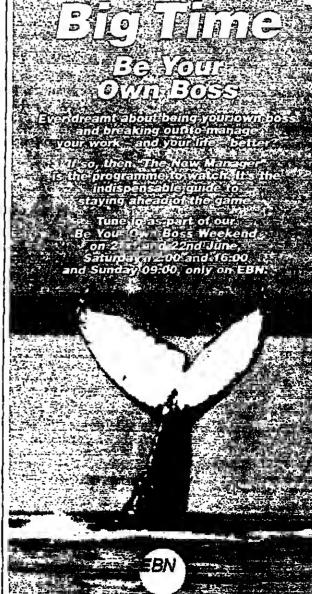
Australian Mark Philippoussis. Rusedski is rescheduled to play on Centre Court today after Henman finishes his quarter-final with the South African. Grant Stafford. After two interruptions for rain, the score stood at 6-3, 3-6 last night. Anyone familiar with the

British No I's play this week will not be surprised to learn he mixed the good with the had. In the previous rounds he had begun brightly and faded and, as a variation, he did the opposite. far.

Henman is the highest surviving seed although there was little evidence of that when he surrendered his first service game with a double-fault. Stafford did the same three games later only for Henman to

repeat the lapse immediately. With the rain spitting down, things looked even bleaker for Henman when he had two break points against him in the fifth game of the second set. Three aces rescued him then and the weather completed the salvation operation because he came out of the first interruption like a different man.

Where his service had been as much miss as hit, he suddenly found his range and in the four games that were possible he wrapped up the set 6-3 with his eighth ace of the match so



### Seles on the rack Krajicek warming up

JOHN ROBERTS

eports from Eastbourne

If Monica Seles was seeking a tough work-out prior to Wimbledon, it came yesterday in the powerful shape of Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in the quarter-finals of the Direct Line Championships.

Seles's prospects of making a successful defence of the only grass-court title of her career was in the balance when rain ended play for the day with her Dutch opponent leading, 7-5, 2-2.

Broken while serving for the opening set at 5-3, Seles was made 10 appear sluggish once Schultz-McCarthy gained conbdence in her own deliveries. The second set was going

with serve, and in analysing the

lost sets in three of her four previous victories against Schultz-McCarthy. Their first encounter, and the

only other occasion they met on grass, was in the first round at Wimbledon in 1989, Seles prevailing, 7-6, 1-6, 6-4. In the only other quarter-final

to get under way yesterday. Natasha Zvereva, of Belarus, led Nathalic Tauziat, of France, 6-4. Weather permitting, two rounds of the tournament will be played today. Play is due to commence at I lam.

Sweden, beat Argentina's er and placement, and the hig Guillermo Vilas 5-7, 6-4, 10-8 Dutchman looked mobile and (tichreak final set), on the opening day of the ATP Senior Tour the Czech Martin Damm. in Prague. The four-day event incourse of events before stepping out again today. Seles would do Cup winners over 35 years of age.

well to remind herself that she Richard Krajicek looks to be seed. Spaniard Francisco peaking at the right time for the Clavet. defence of his Wimbledon title. The Dutchman demol-

ished German Hendrik Dreekmann b-0, 6-3 yesterday in the second round of the Heineken Trophy grass-court 6-2.4-6.7-6. tournament in Rosmolen, the Huber will line up in today's Netherlands.

Krajicek took just 20 minutes and three break points to whitewash the first set, clinching it with a full-stretch forehand retrieved from the corner of the

Dreckmann found it impos-Bjorn Borg, the five times sible to read Krajicek's service.
Wimbledon champion from which constantly varied in powconfident. Krajicek now meets

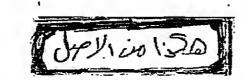
> The top-seeded American Michael Chang plays his quarter-final today against the No 8

Earlier in the day on centre court, the top women's seed, Anke Huber of Germany, needed three sets to clinch a semifinal place, beating the Belgian No 5 seed, Sahine Appelmans,

semi-finals against the in-form unseeded Dutchwoman Miriam Oremans, who upset the fourth seed. Karina Habsudova of Slovakia, 6-2, 7-5.

The French second seed, Mary Pierce, pulled out of the tournament vesterday morning. with a strained right elbow and Asa Carlsson went into the semi-finals on a walkover.

Carlsson now meets the Romanian third seed. Ruxandra Dragomir, who struggled past the Belgian Dominique van Roost



## Rhino of Free State prepares to charge the Lions



about concentration and

The Ox is a man of few words, Garvey, his Bokke confrere from so it comes as something of a surprise to hear him waste one. When I was in the South African army, I speot most of my time as a tank commander," he says, obviously unaware that the word "commander" is superfluous.

Jacobus Petrus du Randt, known to all and sundry south of the equator as "Os", is Spring-bok rugby's equivalent of Table Mountain. You cannot see over him - the official tale of the tape has him at 6ft 3m but he looks three feet taller - and if you opt to go round him, you are in for a very long detour. He is as wide as he is long and that, as the Lions' front row will discover when they take the field for tomorrow's opening Test in Cape Town,

makes him very wide indeed. Du Randt, the rhino of the Free State, is not the quickest prop forward in contemporary on' international rugby – that par-Photograph: Allsport ticular accolade goes to Adrian

Natal - but for all his 19st ballast he is no one's idea of a tub of lard; indeed, he had the same time over 40 metres as James Small, the Springbok wing, at a recent fitness assessment get-together. Os on the hoof is a sight for sore eyes, the sort of African challenge Ernest Hemingway would have relished provided he was armed with a 12-bore shotgun and a bottle of brandy.

Worryingly from the Lions' perspective, the scrummaging performance of their tight forwards has been of constant coocern since a fairly workaday Eastern Province unit asked all manner of awkward questions in their opening match a month ago. Those worries will increase tenfold if Du Randt raises a gallop at Newlands, for it is safe to say that the tourists have met no one remotely like him thus far.

"Scrummaging is all ahout concentration and aggression,"

The British Isles' rugby union tourists will face a peerless prop called Os du Randt in the first Test. Chris Hewett reports from Cape Town

dozing his way through ap-proximately a hundred setpieces in a marathon Springbok training session. (He looked as fresh as a daisy, by the way).
"The mindset is the thing that matters. If you've got that right, the rest follows.

"A lot has been said and written about the Lions' scrum-maging difficulties but I think they've improved a lot as the sour has gone on. In my experience, no international team has a weak scrummage. It's just that scrummaging is different here in South Africa to the British style. We still use it as a place to exert domination, as we always have, and because we generally play on good surfaces, you can get your legs right back and hit really hard. In England or Wales, the surfaces tend to be loose and you have to pack higher rather

than lower. You just can't scrum I think I've gained about five kithere in the same way." Du Randt was born in September 1972 in Elliot, a tiny

town in the Eastern Cape bordering the Transkei, and is almost an exact contemporary of Mark Andrews: the world-class Springbok lock who, remarkably enough, hails from the same handful of houses. Our paths didn't cross in the early days, even though Elliot was such a small place; Mark was Englishspeaking while I went to the Afrikaans Adelaide Gymnasium. But we both played for South Africa at schools level and have been through a lot together since becoming full Springboks. Yes, I was always a prop for-

ward; right through school I was bigger than any of my mates. In fact, my weight has stayed pretty steady since my late teens - and fiercely protective of it.

los in the last three years - so I don't suppose it ever occurred to anyone to play me anywhere other than the front row." Sure enough, since making his Test debut against Argenti-

na in Port Elizabeth a little under three years ago, Du Randt has set new standards of front row play in the country that, more than any other, makes a virtue of the mysterious habits and vices of the darkened recesses. From Boy Louw in the Thirties, through Jaap Bekker and Chris Koch in the Fifties, Piet du Toit and Mof Myhurgh in the Sixties to Hannes Marais a decade later, the Boks have hero-worshipped their hard nuts far more than the dancing angels outside the scrum. Du Randt is aware of the tradition

"In my view, the prop must be the finest man in any team." be says, adopting a tone that brooks no argument. "It's the most demanding of all positions, especially the way the game is played now. My coaches expect me to scrum, tackle, carry the ball and then scrum again, sometimes in the space of a minute. There is no let-up.

That is why professionalism could prolong my career rather than shorten it. When I was combining rugby with my job - I fixed mechanical diggers for a living - I would work all day with heavy machinery and then scrum all night with my provincial team. At least there is less pressure now. It allows me to concentrate on nothing but rughy."

As with every other Springbok, Du Randt regards the series with the Lions as an undisputed high watermark of his rughy existence. Only one thing frus-trates him about the make-up of the tour: the loss of the chance to lock horns with the visitors at provincial as well as international level. The cornerstone of the Free State's Super 12 pack will miss out on Tuesday night's match in Bloemfontein because of the Springbok hierarchy's decision to keep their players in purdan before each Test.

"Of all teams in South Africa. Free State have the best spirit, the most togetherness, and I would dearly have loved to play in Bloemfontein. At least I have Naka Drotske, my team-mate. alongside me in the Springbok front row so we're making progress towards a Free State take-over at Test level, but I will be thinking of the rest of the guys when they take on the Lions next week. If I had the chance, even now, to go out and play, I would."

Somehow, the midweek Lions might be better off under the status quo. If they have to confront hig game on this tour. they would rather do it at a safari park than on the rugby field.

## Howley ruled out for four months

Rob Howley had his worst fears confirmed yesterday when the Lions scrum-balf was told by Wales, was injured during the European tournament, he will also miss Wales' international weekend and flew home on against Romania on 30 Audoctors that he would have to have a pin inserted in his damaged left shoulder. It means the 26-year-old Cardiff stalwart will be out of action for four months and will miss the majority of

Monday. A scan on his shoulder revealed torn ligaments in a joint. The pin will be insert-ed at a Cardiff bospital today and will be removed before be resumes playing in late October. their Heineken Cup campaign. As well as being ruled out for Howley, capped 16 times by Cardiff's pool matches in the

### **Chalmers still on sidelines**

Craig Chalmers, the Scotland Loogstaff get their chances to stand-off, will again be missing for the secood tour match against Gauteng Lions at Ellis Park tonight. Chalmers, who has a hamstring injury, missed Scotland's opening game against Zimbabwe but although his injury appears to be clearing up, he will not be risked.

The likelihood is that we will play Craig in the team for oext Wedoesday's match against Eastern Transvaal," Graham Hogg, the Scotland coach, said.

that includes No 8 Peter Walton and props Mattie Stewart and David Hilton. In the backs, the Scotland A centre Cameron Murray and oewcomer Shaun Football Stadium.

prove themselves in a match which Hogg has described as "a considerable step up from the

game against Zimbabwe". game agams, Zimbauwe Scottand to Genteng Lions benight: Shopherd (Mebrose); Stranger (Henck), Nursey (Hewck), Effesson (London Scottett, Longstaff (Dunden HSFP); Hodge (Wetso-rishs), Nicol (Beth., capt); Hilton (Beth.), Broth-erstone (Mebrose), Seberart (Metsorvaris), Compited (Mebrose), Gelenius (Watsorvaris), Bether (Both), Melling (Metsock), Smith

■ Injuries ruled out ceotre Christophe Lamaisoo and staod-oif Alain Penaud for France's first lest against Aus tralia. Richard Dourthe was named in midfield while David Aucagne will take the No 10 jersey for the match at the Sydney gust30 and will be struggling to prove his fitness in time to meet the All Blacks at Wembley on 15 November.

The Rugby Football Union esterday poured scorn over Cliff Brittle's threat to sack his enemies if be is elected as the chairman of the new management board at next mooth's anoual meeting. Brittle, currectly the executive committee chairman, said he would have no besitatioo wielding the axe should England's grass-roots clubs elect him - a defiant claim that appeared to threateo the RFU secretary Tony Hallett, the treasurer Colin Herridge and the incoming president Peter Brook.

Yesterday, though, a spokes-manfor the RFU said: "Mr Brittle's statement failed to disclose that, uoder RFU rules, the RFU Executive are elected - as he is. He has oo more the right to sack them than they have to sack him. As far as his remarks are leading to insecurity and staff dissatisfaction at all levels in Twickenham, which is adversely affecting levels of ser-

is not an import from Greek



Lions battle preparations: Matt Dawson has his head shaved by team-mate Tim Rodber before tomorrow's first Test

Photograph: Allsport

### **Eagles wrestling with success**

**Rugby League** 

It does not take much to become Britain's guru of the week in the World Club Championship. One win, in fact - so we had better listen carefully to John Kear when he recommends a pre-match regime of group dynamics and wrestling.

Kear's Sheffield Eagles recorded Britain's only victory of the second round of the tournament last weekend, hanging on when all seemed lost and grabbing their late chance to beat Perth Reds. They are far from guaranteed to repeat the achievement against Hunter Mariners tonight, but they have

the Perth game, Kear, who has coached Academy tours to Australia and New Zealand, treated his players very much like a squad on tour. "We did a lot of intensive skills work and also hrought in a psychologist to work on their meotal approach," be said, but his most startling innovation was his use

of a Greek wrestling coach. "We knew that one of the problems of playing against an Australian side was the speed with which they play the ball. With him, we devised techniques to slow them down." Not only did that work, hut

ing many penalties, enabling Sheffield to gradually take the initiative as the game went on. the power of positive thinking. With a two week lead-up to No one was more instrumental in that than Marcus Vassilakopoulos - who, despite his name,

> grappling but a forward on loan from Leeds. It was his tackle that ripped the ball out of Greg Fleming's grip for the winning try and then another that stopped Chris Ryan as he set off down the wing, threatening to snatch the game back for Perth. "It's a better feeling than playing at Wembley for Leeds," he said.

Vassilakopoulos, who came off the beoch for his crucial cameo role last Sunday, will start at loose forward tonight. it also worked without conced-

if Martin Wood fails to revover from a leg injury.

Kear will also shuffle the rest of his side. After the success of leaving two of his better players, Keith Senior and Johnny Lawless, oo the bench for much of the first half, determined to show what they could do when they got on, both will start today's game. Senior will have the special job of marking Mariners' potentially

destructive centre. Kevin Iro. Sheffield's problem, as Kear concedes, is that Hunter Mariners are currently a team in better form and mood than Perth. Tonight will tell whether he and his side can wrestle more formidable opponents to the ground.

### Wigan carpet Cowie

ward, Neil Cowie, home from Australia after a disciplinary breach, writes Dave Hadfield. The Wales and Great Britain international missed a training session after his side's World Club Championship thrasting by

the Brisbane Broncos. "He failed to provide a satisfactory reason and I decided to send him straight bome," the Wigan coach, Eric Hughes, said.
"The players have been brought out here to do a job and I will accept nothing less than 100 per cent commitment."

The club's chairman, Jack Robinson, who supported Hugh-es' decision, said that the board would discuss any further action against Cowie next week. Wigan players for their match at Canerra on Sunday, with Nigel Wright resting a groin strain.
The Bradford Bulls, bitterly

disappointed by their narrow defeats in their first two games, get their last chance on home soil tonight against Cronulla. Stuart Spruce returns at fullback and the experienced forwards, Bernard Dwyer and

Sonny Nickle, could also play a part after extended absences.

is illustrated by Andrew Enting-

Cronulla are likely to be without their discovery of the tournament, Russell Richardson, with a knee injury suffered in scoring against St Helens, but Bradford will still be wary of a back division the pace of which

shausen being arguably its slowest member.

Saints have put in an official complaint that two of Cronulla's tries in their 48-8 victory on Monday were scored in extra time wrongly added on to the first half because of faulty time-keeping. Saints fear that the extra points conceded could affect their final placing in their poul.

Saints' winger Danny Arnold is one of the newcomers in Scotland's squad for their international against France at Partick Thistle on 9 July.

The former Salford captain. lan Blease, who was banned for life for assaulting a touch-judge, has had his suspension com-muted on appeal to end on 31 March next year.

### **Lewis snubs** British squad Athletics

Denise Lewis, the Olympic bronze medallist and the Commonwealth heptathlon recordbolder, has pulled out of the Great Britain squad for the European Cup combined events in Tallinn, Estonia, on 28

and 29 June. The 24-year-old from Wolverhampton, who criticised the British Athletic Federation and the Sports Council over funding for athletes earlier this week, has decided to resched-

ule her programme.
In a meeting in Germany two weeks ago she achieved 6,736 points - a score that would have given her gold in Atlanta.

### **Admiral's Cup** hopes hit by congestion

A frustrated British Admiral's Cup team are incensed that fixture congestion next month may upset their build-up for an event in which they face nationally fuoded opposition, writes Stuart Alexander. Andy Beadsworth, the

helmsman of the mid-sized boat, Tony Buckingham's 40ft Easy Oars, has to compete in the Soling World Championships, in which he missed a bronze medal by one place last year, in Kiel just days before the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup races start in the Solent in order to secure a Sports Council grant for his cootinued preparation for the Sydney

Some members of the threeboat British team feel that the schedule of a major regatta next week, followed by the 40ft World Champiooships in Poland and theo the Admiral's Cup is beavy enough already without having to change dis-

The British are also using this dispute as a platform to grumble that, whereas the Italians send a a full support team for Cup, the British have to fuod their own shore team.

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Hamel & Wetford Royals have appointed Dank Beszczynski, of the United States, as their new head coach. Beszczynski replaces one of Hamel & Watford's team owners Vince Macauley-Rozad. Roger Huggins, the England interna-tional, has turned his back on Sheffield Sherks and signed a deal with Antwerp in Belgium. Huggins, capped 42 times, averaged 19 points and seven rebounds last season for the National Cup run-

averaged 19 points and seven resource last season for the National Cup run-ners-up. Sheffield have yet to re-sign their other three starters - guard Deon harnes and forwards Voice Winters and Todd Cauthorn.

Boxing
P.J. Gallagher, the British super-feether-wight champion, has been advised to take a break from boxing on medical

TODAY'S NUMBER 2,133

The number of golfers entered for next month's Open Championship at Troon. The figure is 215 more than last year's record and means that there will be an extra regional qualifying venue - Northamp-

tonshire County.

SPORTING DIGEST grounds. Gallagher will be out for six months to a year after undergoing check-ups from a number of doctors and spe-cialists, leaving him no alternative but

Claudio Chiappucci's Asics team has been left out of the Tour de France be-cause of their poor form this season. Asked if Chiappucci, twice a Tour runner-up, could race for another team, a Tour spokesman said he could see no impediment.

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Welshman Matt Poste pulled off an Isle
of Man double against the clock when
he won the open 10-mile time-trail yesterday. He followed up his victory over
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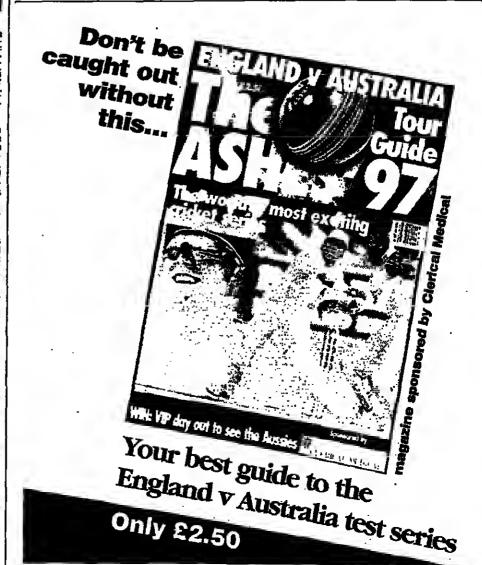
**Rugby Union** 

Musselburgh will fill the vacant place in the Scottish Premiership Second Division next season. The opportunity arises in the valve of the merger of GHK and Glasgow Academicals to form a new club.

Glasgow Hawks, to compete in the SRU Championship. As a result, the second-tend learns in National Least education. placed teams in National League divisions one to four will also be promoted. The Newcastle manager, Rob Andrew, has completed the signing of the England A wing, Jim Naylor, from Orrell, A consorburn of Irish businessmen is seeking to take over London Insh and out £1m into the Courage League First Division club. A decision on the bid will Division ciuto. A decision on the bid will be made at an extraordinary general meeting of club members a week today. AUSTRALLA (v France, first Test, Sydney, tamorrosit; 5 Lufram, B Tune, J Lutie, P Konsti, J Roit; T Hoom, G Gregor; D Mans, D Walson, B Robraco, J Eales Icapit, D Giffen, E Molvense, M Casue, R Harry, FRANCE: 11, Sedouthy; P Bernat Saftes, R Dustrie, T Castagnéde, D Versitti; O Austrie, P Carbonness; F Pelpus, O Magre, A Bernata (capit, O Marie, O Brouzer, C Castaro, M Del Maso, F Fourners.

Rain prevented play at both Nottingham and Eastbourne yesterday. Monica Seles was left one set down to Brenda Schuftz-McCarthy in the quarter-finals of the grass court townsament in Eastbourne; at the Nottingham Open Tim Hamman and Grant Stafford were even at one set apiece, as were Scott Drap-

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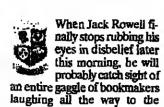


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## Celtic front squares up to Springboks

Rugby Union

CHRIS HEWETT reports from Cape Town



No one, least of all the England coach, could coaceivably have predicted that the Lions would go into tomorrow's first Test against South Africa armed with four Celts in the front five. two of them bantamweight props. But there you have it; the world has been turned on its head in the space of a month.

16st apiece, will cement the British Isles scrum against a fearsome Springbok front row featuring Os du Randt, the former schoolboy wrestler from the Free State who could probably lose both opponents among the loose change in his right

With Keith Wood of Ireland installed as hooker and Jeremy Davidson, his countryman, ensconced in the second row, only Martin Johnson survives from the muscle-bound English unit that swept all before it in last season's Five Nations' Championship Staggering as it still seems to

those who watched Scotland and Ireland mercilessly dismantled by England just four

15 international caps between red rose tight five has been on them and not much more than the cards since Smith, Wallace and Davidson squared up to the hard nots of Gauteng in Jo-hannesburg last Wednesday night and emerged with their teeth intact and their reputations hugely enhanced.

There had never been much of a question mark over their collective footballing abilities abilities entirely suited to lan McGeechan's vision of a wide, attacking, 21st century game plan - but their success in the less glamorous and infinitely more perilous areas of scrum, maul and line-out persuaded the selectors to trust them with the ultimate responsibility awaiting the tourists at Newlands. In short, their rapid progress enabled McGeechan and the rest of the hierarchy to stick to their

guns and maintain the courage of their adventurous convic-

Win or lose, this is a bravura selection. The Lions would have entered tomorrow's fray with a still bolder appearance had Eric Miller, the brilliant Irish No 8, not fallen victim to a flu-type virus that finally ruled him out of contention yesterday.

Fran Cotton, the manager, reached new heights of diplomacy by skirting the hard ques-tions, but there is no doubt that Miller was first choice when the selectors put their heads together on Tuesday night.

Ton Rodber, a notable success in his two excursions as midweek captain, joins Lawrence Dallaglio and Richard Hilt in an all-English

crucial decision-making areas of No S and half-back, with Matt Dawson and Gregor Townsend also in place. "We know each other's games backwards," Townsend said yesterday.

In the only other contentious position, Alan Tait was named in front of John Bentley - the big character of the tour party. if not the most delicate - on the left wing. Bentley can legitimately curse his luck, especialafter his heroics io Johannesburg and another highly charged effort in Wellington on Tuesday, but Tait's superior footballing know-how makes him a perfectly sound

choice to confront James Small. "The fact that some of those once perceived as Test out-

sures a Northampton axis in the quickly is a tribute to the individuals concerned and also a tribute to the entire squad, who have met the challenge of drawing the best from each other," McGeechan said. "It was unquestionably the hardest selection debate of my career

> pletely happy to go into a Test.
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> "Yes, scrummaging is going
> to be exceptionally important
> tomorrow, but we think we've come up with a tight front row. We've based our decisions purely on how players have come on during the tour and on the particular strengths they possess in terms of the things we're trying to achieve as a side.

and there are players outside the

21 with whom I could be com-

'It will be a massive step up for everyone, we know that. But ing over the last five weeks that encourages me greatly.

Johnson, the captain, is the only forward with experience of a Lions' Test - he played twice in New Zealand in 1993, It is a different story among the threequarters, where Jeremy Guscott and Scott Gibbs renew their successful partnership of four years ago and leuan Evans plays his seventh consecutive British Isles international on the right-wing. "It was an honour back in '89 and it's still an honour now." the

Welsh icon from Llanelli said. It is Wood, however, who has the over-riding reason to feel sbarply emotional about his achievement; his late father Gordon played two Tests as a Lions prop in New Zealand in 1959 and when the Harlequins hooker broke the good news to

his mother back home in Limerick, there were tears of joy on both ends of the phone. "Emulating my father wasn't something I'd even thought about before coming here but now, at the 11th hour, the heartstrings are beginning to pull," he said. This may be the first professional tour in Lions history, but there are still some things that money cannot buy.

FIRST TEST: Atherton and England left frustrated as rain prevents them from maintaining their momentum against Australia

## **MacLaurin lifts** general gloom

**DEREK PRINGLE** 

it was the first time in five years that a whole day bad been lost in a home Test match without a ball being bowled. With persistent light rain still falling, play was called off at 4,55pm. It was an announcement that gave what was widely regarded as the hottest ticket in town, all the kudos of a soggy bandkerchief.

The wash-out means that the England and Wales Cricket Board will refund all ticket holders, an offer that will cost their insurers £650,000. The last time Lord's made such a claim was when the West Indies were here in 1991, when play was abandoned without a ball bowled. On that occasion, there was a treat in store and both sides were invited round to Buckingham Palace to have tea

There was no such sweetener yesterday, where a patient and well behaved crowd went away as frustrated as the players. It may appear to be in England's strategic interests to get past Lord's with their lead intact, but they are on a roll and two-up is even better than remaining on one.

As umpires stomped and ground staff mopped, it was interesting to watch the body language of England's captain, Micbael Atherton. Formerly an avid weather watcher who rejoiced in rain, Atherton stalked about with hands on hins like a gunslinger eager to get on with the shoot-out. With the captain this keen, the rest of the dressing-room must have reeked of wasted adrenalin and this Test will need four clear days to mop

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Some of the gloom bere, however, was leavened by Lord MacLaurin, who paid fulsome tribute to England's dynamic start to the season. The chairman of the ECB felt that since the "shambles" of those one-day defeats in Zimbabwe, the players had responded "brilliantly" to suggestions made to them.

We decided we wanted a complete dialogue with the players," MacLaurin said. "So after the third loss in Harare, I went into the dressing-room to draw a line under that performance and make it plain that we would sink or swim together. The England team are our shop window and I wanted them to know that

£50,000 on a drawn second Test bet an additional £109,000 yesterday. The first £50,000 was staked with William Hill at odds of 4-6. The extra money was laid at 2-5, so with deductions she may make a profit of £62,623.

we at the ECB would do all we could to support them." By applying the same man-

agement principles as he would to a branch of Tesco, MacLaurin has won the trust and respect of England's suit-suspicious cricketers. A three-day manement development course at Heythrop, in Oxfordshire, during April began the processes of teamwork and co-operation. An ongoing procedure, it was given the MacLaurin touch last week, when all those involved at Edgbaston received a bottle of champagne and a personal

letter of congratulation. There is little doubt, howev-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

take the lion's share of the credhaps be too strong a word, he and his team seem to have worked a minor miracle, in one fell swoop he has led the players into a world brimming with self-belief while getting rid of the confusion, secrecy and ambiguity that used to poison previous relationships

between hierarchy and players. Instead he has simplified the players' role and brought a renewed understanding to it. They are closer to us than ever before," he said, adding that the current improvements were the fruits borne of 15 per cent of a 100 per cent plan. That plan will be released in full on 5 August under the ECB's proposed strategy for all cricket.

Meanwhile, with Lord's shrouded in glonm, thoughts were turned to sunny weather with the announcement of this winter's tour managers. David Graveney, with the blessing of the Professional Cricketers' Association, will manage the first part of the winter, when England play a one-day tournament in Sharjah between 11 and 20 December, a tournament that will be preceded by a week in Lahore.

Graveney will then hand over responsibilities to Bob Bennett, who will manage the team in the West Indies. As chairman of Lancashire, Bennett will join both Atherton and Lloyd to form something of a red rose

As MacLaurin himself admitted: "It may look a bit incestuous, but its the characters that count." Something English er, that MacLaurin is loath to cricket has at last discovered.



Just the tipple: Lord's spectators console themselves as rain obliterated the first day's play in the second Test yesterday

### From Ashes to alcohol

It was to have been such a colourful day. Michael Ather-ton should have trotted out on to the famous ground for a record 42nd time as captain of England (passing Peter May's mark) in front of a sell-out crowd, who bad paid, collectively, around £650,000 to wit-

ness the historic moment. Instead it was a black and white day, from the menacing clouds above, to the pristine, gleaming wel slands below. while on the giant screen the crowd - those few able to see it - was entertained by some flickering footage of Ashes highlights from the monochrome era of television.

Around Thomas Lord's old ground dripped the crowd, resigning themselves to seeing no cricket, perhaps anticipating a refund through the English Cricket Board's Raincheck Scheme, a 100 per cent refund for seeing up to 10 overs, 50 per cent up to 25 overs.

David Lewellyn finds the weather is no bar to action at a wet Lord's

disgruntled. Stoically, they sought alternative distractions. The MCC membership pucked the pavilion, speaking in li-brarian-low tones while the public filled the bars with a happy huzz of conversation. The hardier souls sipped champagne at one of two mobile bars in an area at the Nursery End. Still more crammed into the bookies. Ladbrokes had a television and the other attraction of the week, Ladies' Day at Royal

Ascot, was on the box. Others lucky enough to be in seats that were sheltered from the elements remained where they were, delving from time to time into hampers and currier bags. Their presence must have

the ground clutching his licket. It was only spitting with rain. He squinted and asked where the play was. He will have wondered at those eccentrics who sat and stared at plastic sheeting as rain robbed Test cricket for the 83rd time of a complete day's play in England, the fourth time the opening day of the Lord's Test has been lost to the weather.

Time hangs heavy under overcast skies. Desultory groups of players formed card schools. or wandered around the confines of the pavilion.

The only people seemingly untouched and unaffected by the climate were the corporate hospitality guests. They restrawberry season days, their backs to the event, steadfastly tucking in to bouchees and business talk.

Atherion should have his moment today. Yesterday, history was postponed.

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## No one seemed particularly puzzled the tourist from Yoko-

Football

Platt's future at Highbury looks bleak following Wenger's acquisition of five new players. Providing Southampton pay the Em required to buy out the two years left on the 31-yearold's contract. Wenger has no

problem in letting him go.
"Only he knows what he wants to do. It's up to David to decide where he wants to go,"

wants to do. If he is happy somewhere else, then, yes, we will consider any offer for him." As Platt considers leaving, one of the Gunners' old stal-

warts is on his way back. Don Howe is stepping down as the Football Association's technical co-ordinator to rejoin the club. The 59-year-old former Arsenal manager and full-back, who also coached them to the League and FA Cup double under Bertie Mee in 1971, is to become the head youth coach at Highbury, working with the head of youth development, Liam Brady.

chat with him and see what he with Robson from Porto, said: agreed.

Barcelona on 30 June. I'm of the same opinion as Robson that if Van Gaal doesn't win the league in his first year, he'll meet the same fate. We are leaving hecause, despite Barcelona winning the Spanish Super Cup, the Cup-Winners' Cup and getting a place in the European Champions' League and in the Spanish Cup final, we did not win the League title. What's happened here is incredible."

Leeds United have completed the signing of the Portuguese Under-21 international midfielder Bruno Ribeiro from Vitoria Seruhal for £500,000. The Dutch international striker Bryan Roy looks set to leave Nottingham Forest for the German Bundesliga newcomers. Hertha Berlin, although a transfer figure has not yet heen



ALLIANCE LEICESTER

## Platt set for Saints job

The Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger yesterday paved the way for David Plan to take over as the new manager of Southampton. The Saints chairman, Rupert Lowe, has reportedly held talks with the former England international about a move to The Dell, with a five-year £1.5m deal said to be on the table.

Bobby Robson's No 2 at Barcelona has confirmed that the former England manager is leaving the Spanish club, who seem certain to replace him with the Ajax coach. Louis van Gaal. Wenger said: "But I will have a Jose Mourinho, who arrived

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